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PORTLAND LUMBER VOTES CIO

LEWIS CALLS FOR LAWS TO AID JOBLESS

Outlines Campaign Against
Layoffs as Wage-Hour
Bill Is Revised

WASHINGTON—The House Labor Committee, 9 to 6, adopted an amendment to the Wage-Hour bill providing for a single administrator under the Labor Department who would in turn appoint labor-employer committees roughly similar to the code authorities under the NRA.

WASHINGTON—With debate and delay harassing labor legislation before congress, Chairman John L. Lewis of the Committee for Industrial Organization issued a call for a nationwide campaign both on the legislative and economic field to cope with layoffs and unemployment.

Chairman Lewis' announcement, in line with the legislative program formulated by the CIO in Atlantic City and with economic and political developments since then, came on the eve of the House Labor Committee's announcement of its complete re-writing of the Wages and Hours Bill.

As now being considered in the Labor Committee, the Wage-Hour bill would be placed directly under a single administrator attached to the Labor Department instead of a five-man semi-autonomous board as provided by the Black-Connery measure passed by the Senate.

Aside from the delay which any extensive revision would cause in the enactment of the bill, the revisions entail a decentralization of administration which reactionary forces evidently hope would increase labor's difficulty in securing benefit from the measure.

Limited Scope
The administrator would appoint wage-hour committees for only such industries where wages and hours are not up to the 40 cents per hour, forty-hour week minimum.

Committees thus appointed would be composed of "an equal number of persons representing the employers and the employees." They would be empowered to hold hearings and make recommendations to the administrator, who in turn would issue orders placing the recommendations into effect. He could not, however, issue orders without the recommendation of the board, nor make any changes in the recommendations. He would be able to dissolve the board and appoint a new one.

Lewis' appeal, coupled with the increased political activity of labor throughout the nation, was regarded as highly significant.

Aside from its call to all CIO unions, councils and organizers to take up the fight for unemployed members, the appeal called for a concerted campaign to force the enactment of a constructive legislative program which will cope with the unemployment problem.

Measures already recommended by the CIO at its Atlantic City conference, brought into new prominence by the Lewis statement, include passage of the Wage-Hour bill, a large-scale housing program, more federal funds for WPA and PWA "so that every worker may be assured of a job if he wants one" and amendments to the Social Security Act to include and cover the large numbers of workers now left out in the cold.

"It becomes the duty of American labor," said Lewis in the ringing statement, "to face with courage and realism the fact that America is threatened today with unemployment more bitter than ever before in our history."

The Right to Work
Lewis declared that "A citizen of the United States has a right to live. He has the right to work."

"If the corporations which control American industry in their management of industry's affairs fail to provide that work then there must be some power somewhere that will go over and above and beyond these corporations and their inadequate policies and insure the workers the right to live."

Discussing the USSR's New Election Laws



HOUSE committee members and active house tenants in the Tartar Autonomous Soviet Republic are shown discussing the new election laws in preparation for the December 12 elections. This is one of innumerable such scenes throughout the entire Soviet Union.

Mortimer Predicts U. S. Labor Unity

Auto Union Leader Hits AFL Proposals
As Asking Tail to Wag the Dog

By JOHN BROMAN

SAN FRANCISCO—Eventually the American Federation of Labor will be compelled to accept the unity proposals of the Committee for Industrial Organization, which would guarantee recognition of the present 32 CIO international unions, declared Wyndham Mortimer, first vice president of the United Auto Workers of America, in an interview last Thursday.

"When the AFL leaders asked the CIO to submit, in effect in their proposals, they're asking the tail to wag the dog," said Mortimer.

Unity Will Be Achieved
"The CIO is bigger than the AFL. If the CIO went back on its own terms, it would dominate the AFL. For Green and the AFL top leaders, that would mean suicide for their jobs, but eventually the CIO demands are going to be accepted."

Asked as to the chances of the CIO accepting the AFL proposals, Mortimer remarked: "I don't know how you're going to get a chicken back in the egg."

The veteran union leader flayed AFL President Green's recent declaration that the AFL would "arm its forces" and turn them against the CIO.

Green Is Desperate
"That sort of talk only shows his desperation at the situation," he said. "I know that workers in the AFL would not condone any such procedure as that."

"I think the CIO is simply an expression of an economic need of the American working people. Anyone who stands in the road of progress is going to get run over eventually."

Mortimer revealed that two-thirds of the nation's auto workers have not yet returned to their jobs, after being laid off to await production of new models, which is now well under way. Chrysler has laid off 100,000.

"I don't know exactly how many are unemployed," he said, "but in Detroit, the U. S. unemployed census showed 125,000 without jobs of any kind."

"We have a program to fight layoffs. First of all we are demanding adequate relief and increased WPA jobs. So far by our pressure on Governor Murphy, along with the Workers' Alliance, we have secured 8000 more WPA jobs in Michigan. We are also asking that the working hours in the auto industry be cut to 24 per week, in order to take care of the unemployed auto workers."

Mortimer began his career as a union man at the age of 16, when he carried a card in the United Mine Workers. He worked for 18 years for the White Motor Co. in Cleveland, where he took the leadership in organizing the first federal unions of the AFL. Subsequently he was president of his local union, president of the UAW district council, and in April, 1936, was elected international vice president.

Lundeborg Is a 'Stool,' Says Weekly

Newsweek Magazine of December 6, charges Harry Lundeborg is a stool pigeon.

"The Department of Labor," says the story, "is investigating charges that Harry Bridges, head of the CIO's Pacific Coast maritime union, is an alien and a Communist, but the inquiry probably won't go far. (Similar past charges were never substantiated.) It's not generally known, but Bridges' former colleague, Harry Lundeborg—head of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, which leans toward the AFL—instigated the present investigation, and much of the evidence is coming from Bridges' former secretary, who is now working with Lundeborg."

Lundeborg, who has just been shouting that he would slap a libel suit on Bridges for a newspaper statement Bridges never made, now has a real chance to sue for libel—if he wants to.

Dirty Dozen Lose Action

Pedro Stevedores Free to
Put ILA Local in CIO

LOS ANGELES—The "dirty dozen" stevedore stooges of the American Federation of Labor officialdom went down to defeat in their attempt to prevent the longshoremen from affiliating to the CIO, when Superior Judge Ruben S. Schmidt ruled last Wednesday against their demand for a receivership for the old ILA 38-82.

The decision refused to remove present directors of ILA 38-82, which was incorporated at the instigation of the discredited officials, A. H. Peterson and Elmer Bruce, and also denied attorney's fees to Aaron Sapir, lawyer for the "dirty dozen."

Free to Go Ahead
Although leaving the restraining order against CIO affiliation in effect, Judge Schmidt ruled that the ILA is free to go ahead and amend the articles of incorporation to permit affiliation to the CIO.

"Judge Schmidt's decision is a complete victory for us," declared John Packard, attorney for the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union.

"We can now go ahead and do what we want to. We will immediately file amendments to the articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State."

Ask Probe of Labor Spies
Amendment of the articles remains the only necessary step to be taken to transfer funds and record of the old ILA 38-82 to the new ILWU 1-13, to which the overwhelming majority of the San Pedro stevedores belong. ILWU 1-13 sent the following wire to the Senate LaFollette Committee:

"Have every reason to believe and evidence to point that our ranks are infested with industrial spies and provocateurs. Request that your committee make arrangements to investigate situation in maritime unions on this coast."

In San Francisco, ILWU President Harry Bridges sent a similar wire to the committee. The ILWU Bulletin of December 9, further stated: "For a complete exposure of Elmer Bruce's criminal record, watch next week's issue of the ILWU Bulletin."

100 MILLION USSR CITIZENS CAST BALLOTS

"New" People Named as
Candidates to Head
Government

MOSCOW—Approximately 100,000,000 persons, virtually the entire population of the Soviet Union over the age of 18, were to go to the polls December 12 to vote in the first election under the new Constitution.

Elaborate preparations had been made to bring out the total vote, with election booths being installed even on Soviet ships at sea and everywhere Soviet citizens might be.

During the entire period of nominations, the Soviet press made it clear that candidates for office should be the "best people" in the Soviet Union, that is, the ablest and most devoted persons from every walk of life and sphere of activity.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For latest developments of Soviet elections, see page 3.

New People Named
Accordingly, the list of nominees includes workers from field, factory, office and studio, whose work among their fellows was the criterion of choice. Though some of the nominees are former government officials, by far the majority of candidates are "new people" pushed forward by their fellows.

Congestion at the polls seemed to be the most difficult problem, as pre-election rallies throughout the entire country indicated a practically 100 per cent response on election day.

Fifty million copies of books and pamphlets on the electoral law of the USSR were published in October in Leningrad. These included pamphlets by Kainin, Voroshilov and Vyshinsky, the text of the electoral law and a symposium entitled: "Our Fatherland."

Chinese Rally for Nanking Stand

SHANGHAI—Two hundred thousand Chinese soldiers, many of them with little more than hands to fight with, were reported massed in defense formations in and around the walled city of Nanking as the Japanese army launched a mass offensive Friday at noon.

The Japanese ultimatum for surrender had been answered by a systematic preparations for a strong defense. Meanwhile, marauding Japanese bands had been driven back.

In advance of its offensive against Nanking proper, Japanese were reported to have engaged in skirmishes attempting to capture the port of Wuhu, strategic down-river defense point on the Nanking front.

All gates to the walled Chinese capital were closed. Aside from defense of the approaches to the city, Chinese prepared to machine gun the invaders from the walls of the city itself.

Kidwell, Gaynor Speakers At Non-Partisan Conference

SAN FRANCISCO—No less than 800 delegates from every current of organized labor were expected to assemble in Civic Auditorium here Saturday, December 11, at the opening

of a two-day convention to launch Labor's Non-Partisan League as a major force in California politics.

Following a meeting of the incumbent state executive committee, which was elected when the organization bore the name of the California People's Legislative Conference, the convention was scheduled to assemble at 10 a. m. to hear the reports of outgoing officers.

Kidwell Will Keynote
George Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union of San Francisco, was selected to deliver the keynote address.

Other speakers, expected to be heard on the first day of the convention, will be State Senator Culbert L. Olson, Sheriff Dan Murphy of San Francisco, Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson and, probably, George Creel. A. F. Gaynor, official of the Railway & Steamship Clerks,

Building Trades Czars Recruiting Finks for Ford

Oakland AFL Chiefs Aid Flivver King in
Effort to Smash Union in Closed
Richmond Plant

By BUD EDWARDS

OAKLAND—American Federation of Labor "czars" are recruiting scabs for Henry Ford, the most notorious open-shopper and pro-fascist in America!

Here in the East Bay, certain officials of building trades unions are actively engaged in trying to round up enough strikebreakers so that the Richmond assembly plant of the Ford Motor Co. can resume production, leaving the CIO United Auto Workers members permanently locked out.

The scab-herding office is located at 340 East 14th St., in charge of one Thomas M. Claudius.

Vandeleur Involved
Also involved is Edward D. Vandeleur, State AFL secretary, who recently promised Ford jobs to members of his AFL-chartered

**Auto Union Chief
Praises 'Western'**

OAKLAND—"The Western Worker deserves praise for its exposure of scab-herding by certain AFL officials," declared Frank Slaby, Auto Workers Local 76 official. "The expose serves the cause of anti-unionism."

Reports from Richmond indicated that the Ford Motor Co. was planning to open this assembly plant in the near future. Parts are on the way to the plant from Detroit, it was stated.

ed company union in the fish reduction plants of Contra Costa County.

Rumors that certain local Building Trades officials were attempting to undermine the UAW came to a head early in November.

Recruiting Scabs
W. F. Drury, financial secretary of Carpenters Local 36, suddenly became interested in auto workers. G. A. Fowler, a business agent of Laborers Local 304 and right-hand assistant to Wm. Tyrrell, notorious "goon squad" organizer, also had a brain storm and decided that laborers should be auto workers.

Tyrrell himself, fresh from union-busting tours in Contra Costa County, announced, in effect, to the Laborers Union membership that the Ford plant would use laborers in

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Injured Boy to Get New Trial

LOS ANGELES—Continued clashes between defense and prosecuting attorneys in the trial on drunk charges of Harry Mahoney, 29 year old victim of Lincoln Heights' jail police brutality, ended last Tuesday when Municipal Judge Charles Newell Carns declared a mistrial.

Despite repeated warnings from Judge Carns, defense counsel Al Wirin tenaciously attempted to inject evidence of the beating Mahoney received after he was arrested.

All evidence tending to show that the defendant received a fractured skull, concussion of the brain, and cuts and bruises at the hands of police, Judge Carns ruled, had no bearing on the case.

Mahoney's new trial was set for January 3, in Division 7, Hall of Justice Building. Arrested October 13 by police officers H. L. Olewine and L. J. Dundas, for being drunk, Mahoney was taken to the 1st and Hill Streets police station, later was transferred to the Lincoln Heights jail.

There, according to sworn statements of Arthur Sweetman, Jr., he was brutally beaten and kicked. Three days following his arrest, Mahoney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Mahoney were notified that their son was in a serious condition in the county jail hospital. Removed by them to the Queen of the Angels' hospital, the beaten man was found to have an 8-inch frontal skull fracture.

FIRST POLL UNDER MARTIN GOES 2 TO 1

Workers Look to Peace
After 120-Day Tieup
of City's Industry

PORTLAND, Ore. — The first election in the 120-day tie-up of Portland industry went two to one for the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Held under supervision of Governor Charles H. Martin, after the National Labor Board was forced out of the picture, the poll of Inman-Poulsen Lumber company workers was registered as 376 to 183 for the CIO International Woodworkers of America.

Whether this will return Portland's industry to normalcy was not indicated as AFL czars had previously stated that they will not cease their war on the lumber workers no matter what their wish or vote is.

However, H. B. Van Duzer, mill president, said he would resume operations immediately.

War's Origin
The present war's origin dates back to last spring when the lumber workers voted overwhelmingly to leave the Carpenters Brotherhood, under the dictation of William Hutcheson, and form the IWA. The only regular union privilege extended to them in the Carpenters' Union was that of paying dues.

Local AFL chieftains, under the direction of Hutcheson, notorious labor tory and supporter of Alf M. Landon in the last presidential election, and with the aid of Dave Beck, Seattle czar, opened their jurisdictional war, with no regard for the cost to the workers and the industry.

Portland industry was tied up 120 days ago and all efforts at settlement were rejected by the AFL chieftains.

CIO Certified
Prior to the shutdown, the National Labor Relations Board had certified the CIO as the collective bargaining agency for the workers, feeling that there was no need to go through the expense and effort of an election, as it was evident that the CIO was the choice of the overwhelming majority of the workers.

Later, when the Labor Board offered to conduct a poll, it was rebuffed by the AFL czars.

Then Gov. Martin, reactionary Democrat, stepped in and began to conduct an independent poll. The first results were those registered at the Inman-Poulsen mill, and is indicative of the sentiment in other mills where the workers' loyalty to the CIO remained unserved despite the "goon squad" terror of the AFL czars.

U. S. Judge Denies Anti-CIO Injunction

PORTLAND, Or.—The attempt of the Waterfront Employers Assn. of the Pacific Coast to obtain an injunction against picketing and secondary boycotts by the CIO unions, was thrown out of federal court as a "moot question" here last Monday.

The court ruled there was no picket line to restrain, since the Intl. Woodworkers of America pickets at Newport had been withdrawn.

The employers sought an injunction against the IWA, the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union and all other CIO unions involved in waterfront commerce to or from Oregon ports.

Hague Still Says "I Am the Law"

JERSEY CITY—Mayor Frank (I am the law) Hague declared labor was "under control" in reply to protests made by 28 congressmen against the "wholesale arrests and deportation from Jersey City of union organizers." Hague's reply told the congressmen to "leave everything to me and don't worry."

Protesting congressmen included Farmer-Laborites, Progressives Democrats and Republicans.

MARKET ST. RAILWAY IS DENIED GRAB

Supervisors in About Face Reject Funds to Pay for Relocation

SAN FRANCISCO—After a right about face a week earlier the San Francisco board of supervisors on December 7 returned to its original position which in effect will exclude the Market Street Railway Company from operating on 20th Avenue.

The motion of Supervisor Adolph Uhl to order the private company to cease operation over the 20th Avenue tracks by January 1, however, was referred to committee.

The board rescinded its action to expend \$4517 out of gas tax funds for relocation of the city-owned tracks in the block between Wawona Street and Sloat Boulevard. On expiration of the franchise in 1932 the tracks reverted to the city, but are still used by the Market Street Company.

On Bridge Approach

Widening of 20th Avenue as an approach to the Golden Gate Bridge precipitated the current dispute, which will cut off the No. 17 car line's connection with the No. 12 line on Sloat Boulevard.

The latest action was hailed by Supervisor Uhl as a step toward his plan for a city-wide municipal bus system, since he is urging that the Public Utilities Commission, through the Municipal Railway, institute bus service over 20th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard to Lincoln Way. If this is done, over the opposition of Utilities Manager E. G. Cahill, the new bus line would parallel the remaining part of the No. 17 line which runs from Lincoln Way to Wawona Street on 19th Avenue.

Poor Service Hit

Neighborhood organizations had representatives on the supporting Uhl's insistence on refusing to grant the funds to the Market Street Company, upholding his plan for a city-owned bus system and vigorously criticizing the existing service of the 17 car line.

Cahill, vigorous opponent of busses, claimed that the proposed new line would require an initial outlay of \$50,000 and would lose \$25,000 annually.

Supervisor James B. McSheehy, after an absence from the city, revealed himself a supporter of the city-wide bus plan. He opposed the recently proposed subway bonds on the basis of its finance plan.

The board received the proposed new water rate schedule of the Public Utilities Commission, holding it over for study. Already the schedule is under fire of Supervisor Uhl for its failure to lower rates of small users, although it grants substantial reductions to commercial concerns which use more than 300,000 cubic feet monthly.

The board obligingly rezoned a section at Grove, Fulton and Buchanan Streets in order to permit the Acme Brewing Company to enlarge its plant. It authorized the expenditure of nearly \$40,000 to the Coast Bay Company and the Wells-Fargo Bank & Union Trust Company for new land to the play field at Fleishacker Park.

Want to Get Out Of Jail? Cash On The Barrel Head!

LOS ANGELES—Not how good your record is but how much money you have in your pocket (or envelope) was the first consideration of Probation Officer William Ogilby in judging eligibility of prospective probationers. This was revealed by testimony presented in Superior Judge Scott's court, where Ogilby and Attorney Arthur Speight are facing a charge of conspiring to accept \$750 for making a favorable report on a man seeking probation.

Obviously Ogilby is in the bad graces of the District Attorney's office. He and Speight were trapped in a downtown cafe by D. A. investigators after Ogilby is said to have accepted an envelope containing marked money from Glen Atterbury, oil company executive. Atterbury is believed to have acted not only as intermediary between the probation officer and the man seeking clemency, but as agent for Pitts as well.

Gallagher to Talk At ILLD Benefit

LOS ANGELES—A Christmas celebration in honor of Leo Gallagher, internationally famous labor attorney, will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, December 22 at Trinity Auditorium.

Mr. Gallagher, recently returned from Spain, will be the principal speaker. The program will include a variety of entertainment featuring the Freiheit Mandolin Club, the Freiheit Gesangs Verein and Spanish Dancers.

The celebration is a part of the twelfth annual Christmas Drive sponsored by the International Labor Defense to provide Christmas comforts for labor's prisoners and relief for their families.

Warren, 'Vice Enemy' Protects Politician From Criminal Charge

Republican WPA Supervisor Charged By Four Women With Criminal Assault; Officials Keep Silent

SAN LEANDRO—District Attorney Earl Warren, Republican politician, has refused to prosecute a prominent Republican here despite the fact that four separate women have charged him with criminal assault.

The politician is John E. Gallagher, supervisor of WPA recreation projects here and prominently identified with the state Republican machine.

The district attorney's refusal to prosecute in the face of the testimony of the four accusers and numerous corroborating witnesses comes after his office had engineered a few raids on "vice dens" and had secured wide publicity in the arch-Tory Oakland Tribune on its campaign to "rid the county of vice."

Mrs. Dittie Jones, young mother of two children, fought the asserted degenerate in the basement of the old San Leandro library on Estudillo Street on September 17.

3 More Accuse

As an aftermath of this assault, three other women made charges against Gallagher. Mrs. C. Holmes, mother of three children and former handicraft specialist under Gallagher, accused him of making a similar attack on her a year ago. The other two women are Mrs. Elena Moller, mother of two, former city playground director who was since replaced, and a nurse now reported to be working in Highland Hospital.

After a delay, Warren's office in San Leandro refused to issue a warrant, giving "insufficient evidence" as the reason.

Evidence of political influence being used to shield Gallagher is seen in the reversal of the stand taken in the case by City Manager Ray L. Billings and Police Captain Lemaux of San Leandro. When first confronted with the evidence, Billings wrote a scathing letter to Walter P. Koetitz, WPA administrator, in which he said "I will not tolerate such a man in San Leandro one instant. I demand his immediate removal." Upon reply from Koetitz, Billings said to the Western Worker: "Both sides are to blame."

Police Captain Speaks

On investigating the charges at the request of Billings, Police Captain Lemaux said "If Gallagher's arrest is not ordered, I'll go before the city council and demand his immediate removal."

L. A. Relief Rolls Mount As Factories Lay Off Men

LOS ANGELES—Relief rolls on LACRA here were mounting at the rate of 1000 cases a week in early December as a flood of lay-offs in scores of factories throughout the county swept thousands of workers out of jobs.

Far over the case load of last year at this time, LACRA officials reported they were administering relief to more than 17,000 persons.

The Bureau of Indigent Relief of the L. A. County Welfare has about 70,000 clients on its rolls, a gain of more than 12,000 in the past three months.

Although still considerably below the quota of 29,500, persons receiving work orders on WPA have risen sharply in recent weeks to a total of 22,448, with other Federal agencies supplying work to slightly over 10,000.

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Another ramification of the Central avenue vice axis reported by the same investigators was that Lomax is attempting to establish the "numbers" racket on a big business scale. Their report states that George Moore, bigshot gambler from Portland, Ore., and "Tight" Montgomery, Seattle gambler, have been brought here by Lomax to take charge of the proposition under the direction of James C. Nelson, who operates the Dunbar Hotel.

LOS ANGELES—At the recent conference in this city of the National Industrial Council of the YWCA, a thrilling letter was received from their Chinese sisters in a YWCA branch of war-torn Shanghai.

The letter read in part: "One thing we rejoice in telling you is the victory of our people in being united in one heart for the struggle against our enemy. We feel ashamed that we cannot ourselves go to fight at the front, but we are doing our part in the rear."

In response to this stirring appeal, a Special Chinese Fund was voted by the girls at the conference who also scored the reactionary Neutrality Act of the United States and asked for its repeal on the grounds that it helped aggressor nations.

A Charter Sub for Xmas Is the Popular Gift That Lasts

LOS ANGELES

COME! MOONEY-BILLINGS MASS MEETING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 8 P. M. PHILHARMONIC AUDITORIUM Fifth and Olive Sts.

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J. Frank Burke, "KFVD Editor of the Air," Chairman.
Help support the Tom Mooney case before the U. S. Supreme Court

Spain Republic Leaders in Session



FACES THAT GO with several big names in the news are included in this picture snapped at a session of Spain's Congress—called the Cortes—at Valencia. Sitting on the left nearest the speaker's stand is Defense Minister Indalecio Prieto; standing next to him is Premier Juan Negrin. The chairman is Martinez Barrio.

Negro Labor Moves To Smash Vice Ring

Pay-offs to Sweetnam Clique Shrink As People's Resentment Grows

LOS ANGELES—New forces are being enlisted this week in the struggle of Negro people in the Central avenue area to wipe out the sore of graft and corruption festering under the political machine dominated by Lieut. Sidney Sweetnam.

Growing concern over the situation brought to light by articles in the Western Worker exposing Sweetnam's vice ring was wide spread among the rank and file of the large Sleeping Car Porters' Union and the Dining Car Cooks' and Waiters' Union. It is probable that both unions will take organizational action against the vice interests within the next week.

Pay-offs Stopped So strong has public sentiment become against Sweetnam and his stalwarts on the vice squad that small fry gamblers and prostitutes have been encouraged to withhold protection pay-offs.

The result has been that revenue has decreased to such an extent that the vice interests are now seeking to add funds to their dwindling coffers by giving a series of parties and carnivals. With customary boldness, tickets carry the information that the affairs are given under the auspices of police.

Feeling against the ruthless demands of the pay-off system has become so intense among the district's prostitutes, the number of which fluctuates between 300 and 400, that many of them have expressed willingness to testify before the Grand Jury against the Sweetnam clique.

It is reported from reliable sources that some have actually made affidavits stating that they have not only been forced to buy police protection at disproportionate fees, on pain of persecution, but that they have even been compelled to rob their customers and turn over the bulk of their loot to members of the vice squad.

Especially irate are the girls who declare they were brought here by representatives of Vice Lord Lucius Lomax on promises that huge sums could be made under complete police protection. They claim the promises were accurate enough but that they were not told they would have to give up most of their earnings for pay-offs.

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Indifference of WPA Kills Child Along Ballona Creek Project

Deep Concrete Channel Unfenced Along Residence Area; Children Are Drowned In Unguarded Pool

By EMIL FREED

LOS ANGELES—Murder is not too frank a word for the negligence and indifference of WPA officials which cost the lives of two eight-year-old youngsters on Thanksgiving Day in the Ballona Creek Project of WPA near Culver City.

Hundreds of workers have been dismissed from WPA projects. Yet in the past four years at least eight and possibly more children have been killed while playing about dangerous project, either through drowning in unguarded pools or through falling over the steep concrete bank of the main channel, totally unfenced.

Went to Play On Thanksgiving morning Larry Shaw and Harvey Nowell, the two latest victims, left home at 10 a. m. to play in the neighborhood. Hundreds like them play every day in the neighborhood of the great concrete channel, which runs only a few score yards from the Culver City Grammar School.

They failed to return by afternoon. Police were notified. They knew where to look. Search of the channel itself failed to reveal anything. Two Culver City firemen, however, suggested a search in the 10-foot deep pool caused by tributary of the main channel which had been dammed to permit construction of a concrete wall at the juncture with the main channel.

The work had been finished before Thanksgiving and the pool could have been drained then. Or it would have cost \$12 to have the pool guarded over Thanksgiving. Or regular WPA workers might have been transferred to do the guarding.

But the boys' bodies were found in the pool when it was drained. Sleep, shivery and crumbling sides told why.

Flat Refusal Not only were the two boys' lives peddled for \$12, the United States Engineering Department and Mr. Snow, superintendent

When you get through reading this issue, let your fellow-worker or next-door neighbor read it. Then ask him or her for a subscription. Get in the big drive to build up the "Western" circulation!

Protect Cattle—Not Children The reason is for protection of live stock.

"They seem to think more about cattle than they do about our children," said the mother of young Harvey Nowell, 3344 Caroling Avenue, Culver City.

Mrs. Nowell told me of eight children who, of her own knowledge lost their lives on the project in four years. One boy, the same age as her own, ran after a ball in his own back yard and fell into the ditch. Last winter, with the creek a raging torrent, a girl fell in and disappeared. A small boy on a bicycle rolled over the slope and broke his neck on the concrete bottom.

The West Adams Open Forum, a progressive group in the neighborhood, is planning to initiate a protest movement, demanding that the channel be fenced.

FARM LIBRARIES KUBYSHEV—Three million books in collective farm libraries of the Kubyshev region meet the cultural requirements of the collective farmers. Altogether the Kubyshev region has 170 village, 1,600 collective farm, and 1,500 travelling libraries. This year 3,196,000 rubles have been allotted for the organization and upkeep of libraries in the region.

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BOYCOTTERS WILL PICKET STORE IN S. F.

Emporium Flaunts Japan Goods; Committee Will Let Public Know

SAN FRANCISCO—The Emporium Department Store, largest in San Francisco and the most ardent in defense of its "right" to sell Japanese-made goods, was due for a picket line Saturday, December 11, from 1 to 2 p.m.

The United Committee for Boycott of Japanese Goods announced it would send pickets to surround the store, advocating the boycott, because the Emporium flatly refused to remove any goods made in Japan.

Toys to Children Through the store's "Santa Claus" trade was being promoted by giving Japan-made toys and trinkets to children.

Pickets would not try to prevent anyone from entering the store, the committee announced, but the picketing "is a method of calling the attention of the public for the need of boycott goods made in Japan, thus stopping American money from being used against China and ultimately involving us in a war."

Decision to picket was reached at the regular meeting of the United Committee Saturday, December 4, with approximately 70 representatives of AFL and CIO labor unions and labor councils and of fraternal and Chinese organizations. The committee meets every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 9 at 10 Embarcadero.

The meeting mapped out a program to intensify the anti-Japanese boycott during a specially designated week December 17 to 25, when letters will be sent to all Citizens in the city asking them to refrain from buying Japanese goods.

A Christmas card will also be mailed, pointing out that most Christmas tree decorations, toys and tree lights are made in Japan. To culminate the week, an "anti-silk" parade will be held to show the various substitutes for silk.

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Chinese Speed Work Of Resisting Japan; Capture Two Towns

Broad Organization Formed to Draw All Strata of Chinese People Into Struggle Against Invaders

HANKOW—A new broad organization to consolidate mass popular resistance to the Japanese imperialist invaders has been formed here by representatives of various groups under the name of the All-China League for Resistance to the Enemy, it was announced today.

War Lord



Gen. Li Tsung-jen, Kwangsi province leader, who has ordered the government 3,000,000 men from South China, including 200,000 now under arms. Gen. Li revolted against the central government last year, demanding a stronger policy against Japan.

Thousands of Catholics in Nazi Prisons

Anti-Fascist Parades Protest Arrests of 8,000 Churchmen

BERLIN—Eight thousand or exactly half of the Catholic monks and lay brothers in Germany have been charged with committing various crimes since the National Socialist regime came into power, Hanns Kerr, Minister for Church Affairs revealed in a recent speech.

At the same time considerable excitement was caused by an illegal radio broadcast of parts of French Communist Secretary Thorez's appeal to Catholics for anti-fascist unity.

The charges against the clergy cover considerable territory. They vary from accusation of immorality to charges of failure to fly the swastika flag on national holidays, from sedition to collecting funds without government permission.

More than a thousand of these clergymen accused of "immorality" are still imprisoned. The speaker did not reveal how many of the remaining 6,500, charged with other crimes, were still in prison.

Hitler and God

The Minister said further that only Hitler is responsible to God for the German people and not the Bishops and that the true essence of religion was "unity of the German nation taking precedence over all other considerations."

Previous to the speech all the Catholic Youth Associations in

Haitian Strikes Blast President for Inaction

PORT-AU-PRINCE—President Stenio Vincent's "passive attitude" toward the recent mass slaying of Haitians in the Dominican Republic may result in his ouster. Serious unrest among the Haitians has been marked with strikes and demonstrations in protest towards the president's lack of action.

Student and transport worker strikes are extending in Cape Haitien and Port-au-Prince, Haitian capital, with government workers in the latter city joining in the demonstrations.

The Haitian president was charged with adopting a passive attitude toward the controversy which, Haitian officials stated, was provoked when Dominican police and soldiers "slaughtered from 3,000 to 5,000" Haitian civilians residing in the neighboring republic.

The situation is so serious that the Haitian congress is in permanent session to deal with the matter. Tension has been at a peak between the two small countries, which share the Caribbean Island of Hispaniola, since the massacre early in October.

The foundation meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shen Chun-chow, a leader of the old Association for National Salvation which did tremendous work in mobilizing the anti-Japanese sentiment of all strata of the Chinese people.

It is expected that the new organization will be joined by many other local groups throughout China formed since the beginning of the national liberation war with similar objectives.

The basic principle of the organization has been outlined as the speeding up of political reforms towards democracy during war time and the mobilization of the masses.

A committee was chosen to draft a program around three principles unanimously adopted by the conference. They are war until the end against the Japanese aggressor, organization of the masses, and the establishment during the period of the war of national liberation of a healthy political organization to unite all the forces of the country.

CHINESE SILENT ON TALK WITH NAZI

HANKOW—No official statements by the Chinese government have as yet been forthcoming on the conference between German Ambassador Oskar P. Trautmann and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking, during which the Nazi envoy proposed that China "end the war" by joining the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo "anti-Comintern pact" and agreeing to "concessions for a peaceful settlement of the conflict."

Trautmann told the head of the Nanking Government, who heads the all-China anti-Japanese united front, that if these conditions should be accepted, "Japan will evacuate her troops from China."

CHINESE TROOPS CAPTURE TOWNS

SHANGHAI—Chinese troops from the far Northwestern province of Szechuan waged a successful counter-offensive in the border region between Anhwei and Chekiang provinces that drove the Japanese out of Szean and Kwangteh Friday night, it was learned here today.

The Szechuanese captured two pieces of field artillery and a huge supply of other war materials in Szean.

Heavy fighting is taking place along the Shanghai-Nanking railway near Linkow, southeast of Yangtze. The main forces of the Chinese troops defending Nanking are entrenching in a new line extending from Chingkiang, downstream from Nanking along the Lagtze river, through Tangyang station to Tsingtang.

The Dioceses of Limburg and Frankfurt were suppressed by the secret political police.

Anti-fascist Demonstrations
The last Catholic feasts and processions at Aix-la-Chapelle in Upper Silesia were in fact militant anti-fascist manifestations on a scale never before seen in Nazi Germany. More than 140,000 people marched to Annaberg in Upper Silesia a few weeks ago.

Reports told of mass demonstrations against the Fascist persecution of the Catholics—demonstrations held in the guise of Catholic feast processions.

An attempt was made by the Nazis to break up the procession but failed.

Tremendous Vote Predicted For Soviet Union Elections

Socialist Democracy Completely Baffles Bourgeois Correspondents to Capitalist Dailies of the United States

By CLINT DUFF

Sunday, December 12th, will be no dull day in the life of Ivan Ivanovich and the millions of his fellow Soviet citizens. For that is the date set for electing 569 delegates to the Council of the Union and 574 delegates to the Council of Nationalities which together make up the supreme governing power of the huge USSR.

For months preceding the election, the big country has hummed with a new kind of activity: election fever. Even so slow

EDITOR'S NOTE: For explanation of Soviet election system, see page 4.

witted an observer as Harold Denny, Moscow correspondent for the New York Times, notices that things are proceeding "as vigorously as did the Roosevelt-Landon campaign."

So far, it is anyone's guess as to how many citizens will turn out for the elections, but it is safe to say that the number will be bigger than the some 40,000,000 votes cast in the 1936 elections of the United States. This statement is safe to make, not because the population of the Soviet Union is 50 million more than that of the U. S., but because practically everyone in the Soviet Union who has reached his eighteenth birthday has the right to vote.

U. S. Election Bars

On the other hand, an inhabitant of California can vote only if he is twenty-one years old. If he has lived in practically the same spot for three months and in the state for one year, if he can read the Constitution intelligently in English, if he can write his name, if he has not committed a major crime, or if he has come into the country, waited seven years and paid \$20 in naturalization fees. And these Californian regulations are considered quite liberal as compared to those of the deep South.

It is probable, furthermore, that the percentage of those who are entitled to vote will be higher in the Soviet Union than that of our big campaign of '36. This is because of the tremendous interest aroused by the election for months preceding, with millions of publications, thousands upon thousands of rallies and meetings, radio broadcasts, discussing men and issues.

Who issued this great wealth of publicity material which has impressed the capitalist press throughout the world? The organizations of Soviet citizens proposing the various candidates (trade unions, cultural groups, etc.) were responsible for much of it. The Soviet Government was responsible for the rest, taking direct and practical interest in seeing that the people understood their electoral apparatus perfectly.

Bourgeois "Democracy"

What a far cry this is from the so-called preparations for American elections. In this country the boss-owned press, radio and halls throttle the real voice of the people. The bourgeois of the U. S. can never explain away the fact that while more than two-thirds of the people were for Roosevelt in 1936, more than two-thirds of the people were for Roosevelt in 1936.

"In bourgeois countries," President Kalinin of the USSR stated recently, "election campaigns take much less than ours are taking. When the ruling classes of capitalist countries carry out an election campaign, their only purpose is to get a majority and gain seats in Congress. The bourgeois parties do not care what trickery they use. Their only purpose is to overwhelm the working people and win the elections."

It might also be added parenthetically that the bourgeois candidates of this capitalist country consider the expenses of such trickery no object. Edward Thompson, publicity agent of the Los Angeles District Attorney of Los Angeles, Baran Fitts, currently revealed that Mr. Fitts bought his position to the tune of \$400,000 (Fitts told election officials he spent \$25,188).

The Best Man?

Directly stemming from this very thorough preparation for

the Soviet December 12th elections, comes the situation which plagues Moscow correspondents of foreign bourgeois journals, the most. In quite a number of election districts, candidates and electors have gotten together during the long discussion period and solved the knotty question of "Who is the best man?" The result of this process is that all but the best man withdraw their candidacy, leaving but one nomination standing.

To Mr. Denny and his ilk this represents a tremendous breach of democracy. Although they can easily forget that thousands upon thousands of Americans are robbed of their votes because of their color, birthplace or poverty, these small-minded gentlemen become simply agast at this "lack of competition" in Soviet elections.

They are baffled because they do not want to understand and probably could not understand if they would, the true nature of the USSR. They cannot comprehend a socialist society.

Even though Harold Denny has been in the Soviet Union more than a year now, he is still steeped to the gills in bourgeois philosophy. He cannot understand the Soviet elections because he cannot understand why anyone should want to be elected except to benefit himself and his small clique of friends, why anyone should want to go to the national congress except to be able to bring back some booty, or why anyone should withdraw his name unless he was "bought off" by his "rival."

He and his kind are quite mystified by the words of President Kalinin:

"If in our country in a number of places candidates withdraw their names for the benefit of some candidate, it is a result of their social kinship and common political purpose. Tens and hundreds of thousands of electors after considerable discussion have agreed on one candidate. It is a sign of socialism—a sign of the impossibility of differences among the working masses, such as there are in bourgeois society."

These words were a mystery to Denny but they were a great truth to the workers of the Red Putiloff plant in Leningrad to whom Kalinin, a former worker in the plant, was speaking. They greeted his remark with thunderous approval.

No Mystery to Workers

The workers of the Putiloff plant have lived in the country for years, not months. They have fought for democracy in the days of stormy Petrograd—not just talked about it. They have built socialism—not just reported on it. Therefore, these workers understand the workings of the great socialist constitution in their country and their leaders' interpretation of it.

Other Concerns

But the "impartial observers" have yet other concerns for the democratic well-being of the Soviet people.

Of the nominations, runs one complaint, 133 are Communist Party executives, ranging from the Political Bureau down to local groups, and 22 are members of the Central Committee of the Party. Instead of seeing in this fact a striking confirmation of the splendid leadership of the Communist Party, these bourgeois journalists hint at an insidious control of the nominations "by the party in power."

Correspondents Puzzle

The report that 215 candidates are government officials from commissars and members of the Executive Committee down, causes these observers more worry, as if it were a strange thing that trained government administrators should qualify as candidates for government administrators.

Mr. Denny detects the victorious strategy of "the 'haves' in Soviet economy."

Sixty Red Army men and 17 fliers are among the nominees, but this striking list fails to excite much comment in the capitalist press. Men in the U. S. army and navy are to all effect political and social pariahs. So were Russian soldiers and sailors before the days of October, 1917.

The 20 factory directors and 39 intellectuals nominated are played up as the "brain trust" for the government by our

friends. They do not detail further that like the Stakhanovite director Yusim, director of the Kaganovich Ball-Bearing plant, these directors are workers themselves and have the complete confidence of their fellows. Nor do they explain that like the noted writer Sholokhov, the intellectuals are workers of a special sort whose inspiration stems directly from their brother workers.

Farmers to Govern

Finally, the bourgeois correspondents complete the list with 69 workers direct from the factory and 79 peasants from the collective farms. These Denny is pleased to label as a "small salting of workers and peasants" as if to contrast these with the "bureaucrats." Again this worthy correspondent shows his abysmal ignorance of Soviet society. In a society of workers, owned and operated by workers, who else indeed could be qualified to sit on the highest body of the land but workers? Each candidate is a worker of some kind or the other. Most of the candidates in this last classification are listed as Stakhanovites (workers honored for their unusual ability).

Needless to say, the same "alarming" situation is discovered by Denny in the candidacies for the Council of Nationalities (the other house of the Soviet supreme legislative-executive power). He reports 113 Communist Party executives, including four members of the Central Committee, 150 government executives, 37 Red Army and Navy men, six aviators, 39 intellectuals, 17 factory directors, 62 factory workers and 144 collective farm workers. He also notes (without comment, significantly) that of the total 99 women are candidates to the Council of Nationalities and 69 to the Council of the Union.

To the Polls

Despite the apprehensions of bourgeois journalists, the Soviet people are sure to move en masse to the polls on Sunday. When they arrive at the polls they will find them competently supervised by special electoral

commissions of 11 persons. These eleven are the best representatives of all the social organizations and associations of working people in the locality.

In counting the votes no such scandals as the one occurring in San Francisco last month will be possible. For Soviet elections are supervised not by people who are interested primarily in making their \$3 a day (and more if they can get it from other sources), but by citizens who are on the job to see that the elections are run off exactly according to the law.

Also the Soviet citizens will have from 6 a. m. to midnight in which to vote. In America, on the other hand, the hours are from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. But as most workers in this country are at work at 8 a. m. and often do not finish their dinner till as late as 7 p. m., they sometimes do not feel energetic enough to push through the last hour rush at the polls—"just to vote."

In the polling hours set, the Soviet Electoral Law gives one more piece of evidence as to the practical "little" ways in which the great democratic constitution helps the citizens to run their country.

Sunday, December 12th, will be no dull day in the USSR, but will entail such a tremendous display of the strength of Socialist democracy that, in the words of Kalinin:

"Many fascist gang leaders will stop and think, 'Look—not only is their army strong, but even greater power stands behind the army.'"

Mexican Labor Joins Boycott

MEXICO CITY—In accordance with a decision taken by its Sixth National Council, the Confederation of Mexican Workers has announced its intention to carry out a complete boycott of Japanese goods in Mexico.

At the same time, the Confederation has sent a formal petition to President Cardenas asking that the government establish an embargo

Delbos' Diplomatic Journey May Save Poland From Nazi

By HARRY GANNES

The Warsaw visit of France's Foreign Minister, Yvon Delbos, is causing the Nazis keener anxiety than any other of the scheduled stops in his important diplomatic tour of Central Europe. Coming as it does on the heels of the Hitler-Hallfax conversations and the London confab between the British Premier and Foreign Minister and the French Premier and his foreign staff it may prove decisive in rejecting Hitler's demand to the Tories for a "free hand" in Central Europe.

In this regard, Poland is the key country. For the Nazis, Poland figures in German military schemes as a corridor and battlefield in any attempt to carry out the plans of Hitler's Mein Kampf to grab the Ukraine.

OPPORTUNE MOMENT

Delbos chose the opportune moment to go to Warsaw. The pro-Hitler faction of the ruling clique, headed by Joseph Beck, Foreign Minister, has been exceptionally active in preparing for a fascist coup on the Brazilian style in order to stem the mounting sentiment in high industrial circles and among the masses favoring closer cooperation with France and warning against the danger of becoming a catspaw of Nazi Germany.

The French Minister has injected a new argument into his general proffer of larger French credits to Poland for arms. This time he holds out the bait in including Poland in any general re-shuffling of colonies that may be discussed with Hitler and the other fascist dictators.

He hopes that by appearing as a Santa Claus to the ambitions of the Sanacja group for a "greater Poland" he can wean it away from Hitler's promise of division of the booty of the anticipated war.

Even a tentative judgment of Delbos' trip will have to wait until he has made the tour of Central Europe and has returned to Paris with whatever report he thinks polite to make public.

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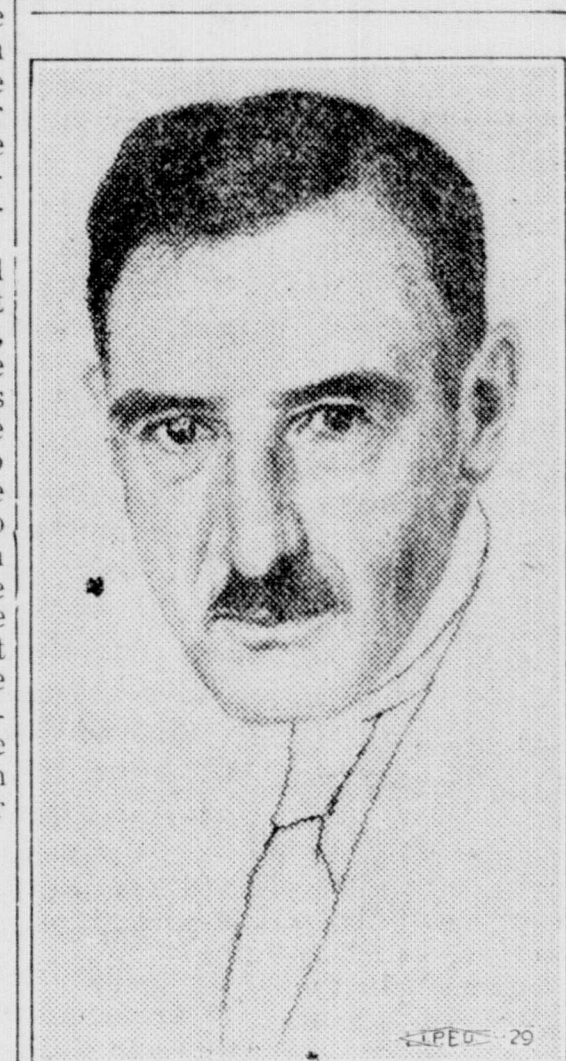
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American Trusts Send Millions to Japan Puppet State

Anglo-American Rivalry Grows With New Investments; Japan Threatens Both

TOKIO—The Ford Motor Company, General Motors, and the Standard Oil Company will advance \$30,000,000 of a \$90,000,000 fund for the development of manufacturing and mining in Manchukuo, Japan puppet state, it was reported in semi-official quarters in this city.



Dr. LEO ELOESSER

MedicBureau Sends \$6,500 For Spain Aid

SAN FRANCISCO—In a period of a little more than two months, the MedicBureau to Aid Spanish Democracy in the Bay Area has sent five persons and almost \$6500.00 cash relief to Spain, according to a recent report made public here.

Since September 20 the chapters in San Francisco, Berkeley and Palo Alto have forwarded to New York headquarters the sum of \$6,489.25, as well as paying travelling expenses amounting to \$448.84 for persons joining medical units, bringing the total spent for relief to \$6,978.09.

Staff in Spain

Those who have been sent to Spain are Dr. Leo Eloesser, famous San Francisco surgeon, Dr. Carlton Purviance, surgeon, of Fairfield, Dr. Leonard H. Larsen, surgeon, of Point Reyes, Mrs. Carlton Purviance, laboratory technician, Miss Eugenia Grunsky of Stockton, physiotherapist, and Irving Kornell, ambulance driver, of San Francisco.

The huge amount will noticeably boost the estimated 250 million dollar American capital investment in China. Since the World War, American capital in China has increased five times; sixty-five per cent of which lies in the city of Shanghai, now dominated by Japanese military forces.

Investment of American capital in Japan-controlled Manchukuo rather than areas administered by the Nanking government indicates that certain capitalists of this country are staking their gold on increased Japanese domination of China.

U. S. Capital

Further encroachment of Japan's army into China is directly against the interests of other important sections of American capital, notably that invested in transportation and communications. The U. S. A. occupies first place in Chinese imports and exports. American capital finances part of the railway, and supplies telephone, telegraph and radio equipment, and plays an especially big part in the development of Chinese aviation and air transport.

The Anglo-American financial antagonism will be intensified by this latest U. S. investment. Britain has a total of 1,300 million dollars in China; three-quarters of which are concentrated in the Shanghai district and in the valley of the Yangtze River. The English firm of Jardine Matheson completely controls textile factories in Shanghai. Clashes of English and American capital are most violent in fighting for control of railroads and banks. French capital investments amount to only 200 million and those of Germany to 100 million. Fascist Germany, however, during the last few years, has been making great efforts to recover its lost influence in China.

Japan Investments Big

Threatening all other foreign capital, Japanese investments in China are estimated at 1,500 million dollars, whereas in 1914 they amounted to only 215 million dollars. Japan holds a monopoly position in Manchuria, has flooded the markets of North China with cheap goods by "dumping." She has bought up practically all Chinese textile concerns in Tientsin, thus securing control over more than 2 1/2 million spindles or practically 50 per cent of the total number of spindles in China.

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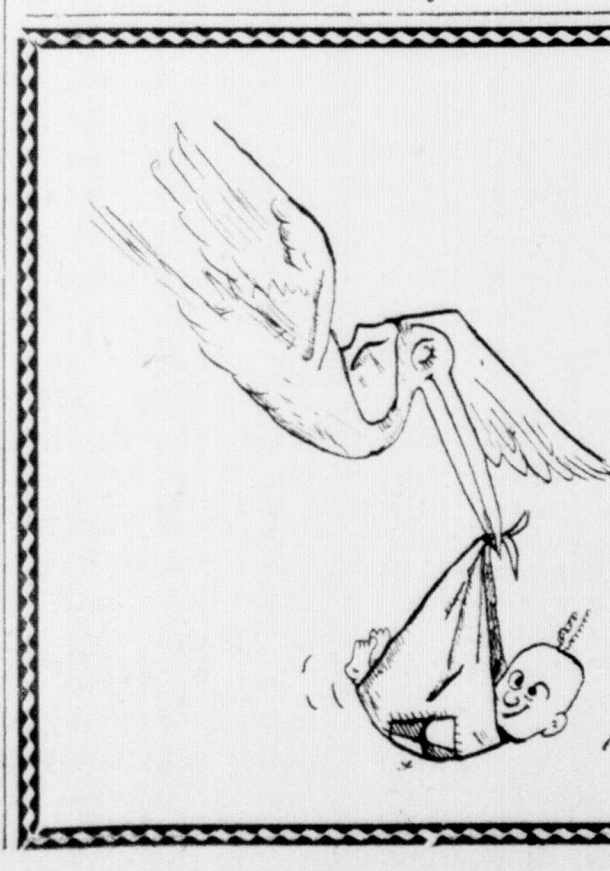
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Labor's Political Front Forming in California

FOR THE first time in California political history, there is a real reason to expect that labor will be an active, independent force.

It can be a decisive force.

Over the week-end of December 11 and 12, Labor's Non-Partisan League will hold its state convention in San Francisco. Already, credentials are in the state office to show that the representation will be heavy from both CIO and AFL unions.

But the emergence of the League as a major force in California does not tell much more than one forty-eighth of the story. It is growing in every state in the nation. In many states it is already a formally organized, going concern. Five of its candidates will sit on the new city council of New York City—candidates of the American Labor Party.

New Jersey, inspired by the New York victory, has organized an American Labor Party along the same lines. Soon a state convention will be held in Maryland. Recent dispatches told of organizations being formed in St. Louis. In nearly half of the states of the Union there is a formally organized state body. Not only in New York, but in Ohio and Pennsylvania the League has already tasted important victories through its direct participation in major elections.

From such states as Vermont, Texas, Arizona, Maine, Indiana and Rhode Island come dispatches telling of League activity to weld the labor movement into a unified political force.

In short, the League has come a long way since its auspicious beginning in rallying labor to an independent position in support of the Roosevelt administration in the 1936 campaign.

The convention in California, therefore, is an important milestone. Without doubt it can not only give labor the means to insure a progressive, pro-labor administration in California and a progressive delegation in Congress after 1938, but it can also play an invaluable part in healing the split between CIO and AFL.

The Western Worker greets the delegates to the convention!

May their deliberations be a serious, vigorous and an intelligent effort to unite behind the common tasks of labor and all progressive forces: to rid California of the Merriam administration, to guarantee the right of labor to organize, strike and picket, to fight the menace of injunctions, to rally public pressure against the vigilante and fascist groupings that blot the name of the state, and to renew the fight for Tom Mooney and all of labor's political prisoners.

The Fight for Mooney Reaches a Critical Stage

NEVER in the 21 years since Tom Mooney was put in San Quentin has the nationwide fight for his freedom reached the proportions of today.

Never was the need for that fight more clear than it is today.

Tom Mooney can be a free man next Spring. The long fight can end in one of the most tremendous victories the labor movement has known in this country.

But that freedom depends on the flying trapeze artists of the Supreme Court of the United States. That court invalidated the NRA when it was not under fire. It freed Angelo Herndon when protest was high.

Then let protest volley and thunder until it echoes from every crag and resounds in every city and hamlet!

In San Francisco, 12,000 people shook the rafters of Civic Auditorium in response to Governor Elmer Benson's appeal for Mooney's freedom. The Los Angeles meeting on December 17 in Philharmonic Auditorium must be a similar demonstration to rattle the ear drums of Governor Merriam and the judiciary, from top to bottom.

The nation as a whole is being awakened and more reverberations are on the way. On December 15 a special Senate Committee in Washington will begin hearings on a resolution to memorialize Governor Merriam to pardon Mooney.

Congressman Jerry O'Connell of Montana is now leading a movement urging that Mooney be brought to Washington in person to testify.

Mooney's appearance in Washington is badly needed. Let unions and individuals write and telegraph their support of the proposal to the Senate Committee in Washington. Evasion and silence have enabled the courts thus far to ignore or deny the overwhelming evidence of perjury and subornation of perjury by which his conviction was

possible. Let the Senate hearing now serve as a new sounding board for the demands of labor, and the evidence of Mooney's innocence, to be heard over the nation.

Let protest ring! The nation as a whole is becoming attorney for Tom Mooney, whose name is the name of Labor.

Manufactured By duPont

LAMMOT duPONT pleaded for "only a fair opportunity" at the Congress of American Industry which brought together some of America's leading industrialists.

With a positive touch of whimsy, he added:

"All that we ask is the same fair opportunity to work that we believe should be given the humblest citizen."

To Mr. duPont, "the whole future is a gigantic question mark."

And all Lammot duPont and all the other duPonts that infest the shores of the Delaware raked in was \$71,000,000 in dividends this year.

Mr. duPont must be a Jacksonian Democrat at heart to be content with the same rights as "the humblest citizen," after his family netted more money in one year than do a number of humble citizens equal to the total population of the State of Nevada.

Or perhaps, Mr. duPont was thinking of the "fair opportunity" to work given the 1,500 workers laid off by General Motors in Los Angeles. The duPonts control General Motors, you know.

Mr. duPont's speech reads like an almanac of some ten years ago. There hasn't been anything quite like it since the crash of 1929.

His crushing remark was:

"The bulk of responsibility for future social betterment should be placed on industry's shoulders. It belongs there."

What about 1929 and 1933? Does Mr. duPont think the American people have forgotten?

They haven't and they won't. That is why they are now fighting for a wages and hours bill, for expanding relief, for no reduction in taxation on the big fellows.

There are approximately 10,000,000 persons out of work, and the best offer Mr. duPont can make in the name of American industry is that it will take "a year, two years, perhaps even ten years . . . to create three million industrial jobs that do not now exist."

The headline forms to the right.

Shipowners Used Lockout As Political Trick

WHY THE steam schooner lockout? It lasted only four days; obviously the shipowners never had any intention of tying up all the steam schooners on the coast, for only one ship—the James Griffith that started the "beef" in San Pedro—was affected. Then why any lockout at all?

The motivation behind this disturbance can be found in Washington, D. C., in several bills being introduced into the special session of Congress, designed at crimping the maritime unions and eventually destroying them. In these bills the shipowners propose:

1. Compulsory arbitration, along the lines of the anti-strike Railway Labor Act.

2. Placing the unlicensed seamen under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Coast Guard, with the objective (admitted by the bill's author, Admiral Wiley of the Maritime Commission) of eventually destroying the seamen's organizations on all coasts.

In order to drum up agitation for this bill, the shipowners are trying to prove that the maritime workers need these helters because they are "irresponsible." The next step would be to outlaw the unions because the seamen are "too irresponsible" to run their own organizations. The shipowners hope to take Hitler's path.

Here's where the steam schooner lockout comes in. The shipowners point to the James Griffiths incident as an "irresponsible" example which forced the shipowners to declare the lockout. They had been praying for just such an incident so that a lockout could be declared, to use for propaganda for their anti-labor bills.

It is up to the maritime unions (and the Teamsters Union, which is included in the compulsory arbitration bill) again to topple over the employers' house of propaganda cards and expose their real aims—to destroy the unions. All possible support by other unions and by the people generally must be rallied NOW to block the shipowners' bills. The people must speak immediately to their congressmen and senators, demanding that they vote "no" on all shipowners' bills.

The Last Gangster— We Hope

TO THOSE who doubted the authenticity of gangster films, recent news from Hollywood should serve as an illusionism. With Willie Bioff on the scene and his professed intimacy with producers, there is no reason for lack of realism in depicting the underworld.

Willie, you may know, is self-appointed czar of 12,000 film studio workers. He would do better as technical adviser in cops and robbers pictures unless "The Last Gangster" really is a finale.

Willie has been hunted for murder. He was intimate with Chicago's underworld during Al Capone's reign. He did a six-month rap for selling feminine charms in a less ethereal sense than Billy Rose does.

Willie has many other talents, but none of them qualify him as a labor leader.

Then why should he be a labor leader? It seems such a waste of talent and energy. Couldn't the studio workers make him happy again by sending him back to his native habitat in the red light district of Chicago?

It's No Horatio Alger Story



Typical of thousands of former rank-and-file workers who distinguished themselves by high-quality work and now occupy positions of great responsibility are these executives of Soviet industry: Top row, left to right: Nikita Khrushchev, miner, who now manages the large coal trust Shakhmatitski; Akhmed Zakharenko, spinner, recently appointed assistant director of a Kalinin textile factory; bottom row, Director Yurii Zhukov of the giant Kaganovich First State Ball Bearing Plant in Moscow; Oleg Yegorov, locomotive engineer who is now chief of the Tula depot.

HOW DOES THE SOVIET UNION'S NEW ELECTORAL SYSTEM WORK?

By K. MAYER

MOSCOW—The new electoral law for the election of the Supreme Council (Soviet) of the Union and of the Council of the Nationalities was adopted on July 4, 1937, by the Central Executive Committee. It is based on the Stalinist Constitution.

Every citizen of the Soviet Union who has attained his or her 18th year by polling day is an elector, and possesses at the same time the right to be elected, irrespective of race or nationality, of creed, degree of education, property status, social origin, or length of residence. The only persons excluded from the franchise are those sentences of loss of electoral rights by the courts, or mentally deficient.

Who Will Vote

Every citizen has a vote, and all, whether workers, peasants, or intellectuals, take part in the elections. Women have the right to elect and be elected on equal terms with men; the young Soviet citizens serving in the Red Army at the time of the elections have also equal electoral rights.

In all towns, villages, and even the smallest settlements, lists of electors are drawn up, registering, in alphabetical order, the names and addresses of all the Soviet citizens entitled to vote.

These lists are open to the public for 30 days before the election, and everyone has the right to enter a complaint to the executive committee of the Soviet, which must examine the application within three days. The final decision in the case of such complaints is in the hands of the public sessions of the People's Court.

Should an elector change his residence while the list of electors is open for public examination, or on the day of election, he receives from his competent Soviet a "voting certificate," enabling him to exercise his electoral rights without let or hindrance, even should he not move to his new place of residence until the election day.

Constituencies

The whole country is divided into electoral constituencies. For the election of the Supreme Council (Soviet) of the Union, every 300,000 citizens form a constituency, and send a deputy.

In the case of the Second Chamber, the Council of Nationalities, the election is carried out in accordance with the national districts, 25 deputies falling to each Union Republic, 11 to each Autonomous Republic, 5 to each Autonomous Province, and one deputy to every national district.

Electoral District

The constituencies themselves are subdivided into smaller di-

visions or wards for purposes of exactitude of electoral organization, putting up of candidates, distribution of voting papers, and counting. One thousand, five hundred to 2,500 electors should form one electoral district.

As a rule, every small village forms its own electoral district. The military units of the Red Army, too, are divided into electoral districts, each comprising 50 to 1,500 men. Even hospitals, rest homes, sanatoria, etc., if comprising not fewer than 50 votes, form an electoral district of their own.

Election Commissions

In order to organize the whole procedure of the elections, special organs are formed, electoral commissions, from Central Electoral Commissions to Constituency Electoral Commissions, and down to the smallest unit—the Electoral Commission of the District. These commissions are composed of the best representatives of all the social organizations and associations of the

In a word, every worker has the possibility of taking an active part in putting up the candidates, in his organization or at his place of work.

It is the duty of the Constituency Electoral Commissions to register for the election list every proposed candidate, without exception. Every citizen can enter a complaint to the superior Electoral Commission within two days of any refusal to register such a proposal.

Nominating Simple

All that is required from the meeting or organization proposing candidates is that the minutes of the meeting and division be submitted. Nothing is required from the candidates themselves beyond their names and personal description. It is not property status, not sex, not national origin, not age, and not official position, which determine the possibility of being elected to this or that Soviet authority, but solely the personal abilities and personal work of every individual citizen.

Every organization or meeting selecting a candidate has unrestricted rights of free agitation in speech and writing for its chosen candidates, in the press, at meetings, and in processions.

Election Day

All over the country a non-working day is selected as polling day. Voting takes place from 6 a. m. till midnight in every electoral district in the country. Every voter goes in person to the polling booth of his district, shows his identification papers (passport, trade union or collective farm card), and after this has been found to correspond with the election list he is given a voting paper and an envelope.

Now the citizen has free choice of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote. The polling booths are so arranged that every elector is alone. All agitation, or communication with a member of the Election Commission is prohibited in the polling booth. Before polling begins the ballot box is locked by the chairman of the electoral commission in the presence of eight to ten members of the electoral commission.

After polling is completed, it is opened, and the last stage of the procedure begins: counting the votes.

The candidate receiving the absolute majority of votes, that is to say, more than one-half of all the valid votes cast in the constituency, is elected. Should none of the candidates have an absolute majority, a special ballot will be held within a fortnight between the two candidates who received the most votes. Should a deputy leave one of the councils, a by-election is held in the constituency concerned within two months at most, on the same democratic basis.



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workers. They are the actual organizers of the elections and the competent supervisory organs.

One of the most important points is the procedure of putting up the candidates for the deputies. Who has the right to propose candidates?

Who Chooses Candidates

In accordance with the Constitution, Article 141, this right is possessed by all the social organizations of the workers, such as the Communist Party, all trade union organizations, cultural organizations, and all other registered organizations of the Soviet people.

This right is further possessed by every general meeting of the workers and employees of the works and factories, every meeting of Red Army soldiers in military units, every meeting of the peasants on the collective farms or of the workers on the Soviet farms.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

Labor's Non-Partisan League Convention

LABOR'S Non-Partisan League of California will be born at its first state convention in San Francisco on Saturday and Sunday, December 11th and 12th. It may well be the most important political event of the year in California, and become a decisive factor in the outcome of the gubernatorial elections in 1938.

The results of the recent elections throughout the country have already indicated that the political strength of Labor, when allied with other progressive forces, is the only force capable of defeating the camp of reactionary Big Business. The beginning of a potential People's Front combination is in the making, challenging the forces of reaction at a critical period when the Wall Street interests by their economic and political sabotage are aggravating the present business slump and increasing the possibility of a new economic crisis.

Only a great people's movement can effectively combat the sabotage of the economic royalists. The first and most important factor in such a progressive coalition is the independent political activity of a strong, united labor movement. That is the job before Labor's Non-Partisan League convention: to achieve the political unity of the California labor movement, and win the farmers and other progressive allies to its side.

This state has presented a paradox since 1934, with progressive political movements which were divorced in the main from the labor movement, and on the other hand a labor movement which has won many victories on the economic field, but has failed to utilize its power and strength for progressive political action. The result has been costly defeats for both, with California still in the grip of a reactionary Republican machine that does the bidding of the Industrial Association, the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, the Waterfront Employers' Association, the Southern Pacific Railroad, the Standard Oil Co., the bankers and the big growers; in short, the economic royalists of this state, the bitterest enemies of the more progressive measures of the New Deal.

But the tide is turning. If Labor's Non-Partisan League can achieve a united front of the AFL, the CIO, and the Railway Brotherhoods, and ally itself with the progressive forces in the Democratic Party, 1938 will see a defeat of reaction in California.

How to Clean Up the City

NEWSPAPER headlines say that Mayor Rossi is anxious to clean up the city, to look all bright and shining for the 1939 Fair. But it is a sad commentary on the political hygiene of San Francisco that Rossi is the one to lead the "clean-up" campaign.

We Communists are indeed so solicitous about the appearance of San Francisco, that we intend to give our state headquarters building a new coat of paint just as soon as enough sympathizers will contribute the money for it. But cleanliness, unlike beauty, is more than skin deep. In the case of San Francisco, it will take more than painting and washing buildings, cleaning up refuse, etc., to clean up the city.

What good will it be to get rid of garbage dumps, as long as the stench of Pete McDonough hovers over the City Hall? What about the Atherton report, which is quietly being buried just as fast as the Rossi machine can find a safe hiding place for it? What about Atherton's charges that the people closest to the "fountainhead of corruption" are still running the Police Department, and the City Hall, for that matter? What about the banker Fleishacker, convicted of misusing funds? What about von Killinger, the German consul who carries on open Nazi propaganda here? The people of San Francisco, who are justly proud of their city, are not so proud of these things.

Clean up the city? Yes; but let's start with the city hall, Mayor Rossi!

LETTERS

Wants Better Headlines for People's World

Editor Western Worker:

Hail the "Daily People's World!" I don't think you could have made a better choice for a name. Your duty now is to make it the liveliest and peppiest people's paper in the West. Only in this way can we succeed in running the capitalist press to the wall, which can eventually be done. For the past two years, the W. W. has become nothing more than a Trade Union Journal, minus the pep of the People's Press.

All this must change. Remember, a condition exists today where even a large number of our C. P. members do not read the Western Worker. One reason for the present stodginess of the W. W. lies in the fact that you have a person (or persons) who writes dull or cryptic headings to articles. The articles themselves are quite good, but the headings are 90 per cent dry as dust.

I would suggest that you change heading writers about until you unearth a crackerjack at it. Mike Quin, one-time editor of the W. W., should be good at this (though he'd probably hate it).

By all means avoid abbreviated headings. And instead of trying to explain a story in a headline, make it a tantalizing morsel that the reader will bite on and be forced to read through curiosity.

Comradely,

—D. F. T., San Diego, Calif.

Communists Pledge Aid to Tom Mooney On 55th Birthday

Mass Participation in Huge Mass Meetings Asked As Demonstration of Solidarity With Famous Prisoner

Tom Mooney, perhaps the world's best loved political prisoner, received among scores of heart-warming greetings on his fifty-fifth birthday assurances of hope from the Communist Party of the United States.

Greetings to the famous labor martyrs were sent by the California State Committee of the Party, as well as by the Central Committee.

The message of the California State Committee, signed by William Schneiderman, secretary, said:

"Greetings from five thousand members of the Communist Party in California. May this be your last birthday spent behind prison bars and your next one be celebrated as a free man."

From the Central Committee, a statement signed by Chairman William Z. Foster and General Secretary Earl Browder carried to Mooney the pledge of active aid in the furtherance of his struggle for freedom. The statement follows:

Tom Mooney, labor's champion, is 55 years old today.

This is the 21st birthday he has spent behind the bars of San Quentin prison for a crime he did not commit. The very best years of his valuable life have been passed behind those stone walls.

Although he has not been forgotten for one single moment by the labor movement in whose ranks he was such an outstanding fighter, today this solidarity is not enough. When we greet Tom Mooney today, we must pledge that this will definitely be the last birthday he will spend in prison.

Twenty years ago, the workers of Petrograd, led by Lenin and the Bolsheviks, started a world movement of protest that resulted in President Woodrow Wilson intervening in Mooney's behalf and halting his execution. Today, with Mooney's appeal before the United States Supreme Court, we must organize for the final victory—for the unconditional freedom of Mooney and Billings.

On Dec. 15, the State Judiciary Committee will start an investigation of the Mooney-Billings case in Washington. A favorable outcome would mean a request by the Senate to President Roosevelt to follow the precedent established by Wilson and intervene in California on Mooney's behalf.

On the day the Senate hearing opens—Dec. 15—the people of New York will be given an opportunity to voice their protest at a rally in Madison Square Garden against the infamous sentence that has imprisoned Mooney and Billings for 21 years. We call upon every member of the Communist Party and every friend of our movement to attend that rally as a solemn duty to Tom Mooney, as the most welcome birthday gift that we can offer him, and as one effective means of showing the Senate Judiciary Committee exactly where the labor movement stands on the issue of Mooney and Billings.

Hearty revolutionary greetings to you, Tom Mooney, in the name of the Central Committee and the entire membership of the Communist Party of the United States. We pledge today to do everything in our power to mobilize the American people in support of your unflinching fight for vindication and freedom.

LOYALISTS DISPERSE FOE WITH AIR RAID

MADRID—An air raid by Loyalists on the fascist air base in the Balearics and the repulsing of a fascist thrust immediately west of Madrid were reported here by Loyalist headquarters.

After ninety minutes of severe fighting, fascist attackers were driven back. It was the first renewal of direct combat for several weeks.

Three insurgent planes were destroyed in the Balearics raid, it was further stated.

With rains and winter weather blocking most operations on the northern Aragon front, fascist and government forces alike were resorting to air attacks. Three times, Franco planes bombed the American hospital base at Taroncon, 50 miles from Madrid. Some \$15,000 worth of equipment, including four ambulances, two service cars and spare parts, was destroyed but no one killed.

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AFL, CIO JOIN IN FIGHT ON PICKET LAW

Hit Huntington Park Ban: Kill Open-Shop Move in L. A. City Council

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other circumstances, illegal in a labor dispute."

Constitutional Right
"Judge Brandeis of the United States Supreme Court said that the right to picket—to peacefully picket—is a fundamental constitutional right. It is part of freedom of speech and freedom of expression."

"We think you ought not to do anything to violate such fundamental human rights. You must not take away these rights which workers have won with their lives and rights which you should be deeply concerned with protecting," Wirin told the councilmen.

Demand Referendum
Said Jordan: "The least that can be done by this body is a referendum vote on the anti-picketing law, as has been done in San Francisco and Berkeley, where the citizens were permitted to vote on this. I ask you to table this until a referendum can be taken, so that the workers can decide what they want."

A moment later J. W. Buzzell again rose and echoed Jordan. "Give the people a chance to vote on it," he said.

Those casting the votes which put the ordinance into immediate effect were Mayor Howard S. Boyd, and City Councilmen Richard Schulz, Elmer E. Cox, and Wendell Schooling. The single opposing vote was from Councilman Joe Hollibaugh, a small business man.

This was the second time in two days CIO and AFL officials had come together to fight a common enemy.

Anti-Labor Clause
Ostensibly the resolution was aimed only at racketeers who are said to be demanding sums of money from employers on the threat of calling strikes, but in it was a clause, quite apart from the question of racketeers, which implied that genuine labor organizations are part of the racketeering system.

The clause stated "that attempts are being made to force employers to establish the 'closed shop'."

Speaking for the AFL was J. W. Buzzell, Central Labor Council Secretary, who demanded deletion of the anti-labor clause.

Prelude to Picket Ban
"I think this resolution is a prelude to another communication which would pass an anti-picketing ordinance against bona fide labor unions, but strike out the objectionable clause and I will not oppose it," Buzzell told the councilmen.

Al Wirin, CIO attorney, accompanied by a group of CIO leaders, requested that the council conduct a thorough investigation before acting on the resolution and, while they were investigating, to scrutinize at the same time the racketeering tactics of certain employer groups.

Councilman Howard W. Davis presented the resolution and defended it. When Wirin first asked the council for permission to speak, Davis turned from his desk and roared, "Shut up!"

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Champion Shucker



RAY HANSON, farmer of Bingham Lake, Minn., who won the title over a field of 19 other shuckers from 10 states who battled in the driving rain and slippery mud before 75,000 spectators at Marshall, Mo. Mr. Hanson husked 21.3 bushels in 80 minutes.

Scandal Hinted As Quiz Opens On L. A. Relief

LOS ANGELES—Startling charges were hurled against the local Relief Administration as relief clients and needy aged persons went to battle on two fronts last week in protest against intolerable conditions.

Delegations from the Workers' Alliance last Tuesday packed the Board of Supervisors, demanded extension of relief to so-called "technical non-residents," later jammed the State Building where the Assembly Interim Committee on Social Welfare was beginning its scheduled investigation into State Relief Administration practices.

Before the eager eyes of close to 400 unemployed workers, the five-man Assembly Committee, headed by Assemblyman Elmer Lore, heard Albert A. Heltness, county organizer of the Workers' Alliance, charge this:

1. More than 2000 single, unattached men in Los Angeles county have been shunted off into forced-labor camps where they are required to work 30 hours per week without compensation, live in unfit, insanitary conditions;

2. Entire families are taken off relief rolls, sent into cotton fields to work long hours for starvation wages;

3. Social workers for the Los Angeles county Relief Administration are unable to make adequate adjustments in their case work because of arbitrary rulings of State Relief Administrator Harold J. Pomeroy.

4. Destitute families, in need of emergency relief aid, are forced to wait days, and even weeks, because of official "red tape," before they are put on relief.

5. The LACRA is fostering child labor by compelling whole families to labor in cotton fields in order to earn a semi-decent wage.

6. The LACRA is directly responsible for the death of at least one child because of inhuman living and working conditions in the Los Joaquin Valley cotton fields.

From the board of Supervisors, Workers' Alliance members, led by Mrs. Mary MacGregor, obtained endorsement of their plan to ask the State Legislature to grant relief to "technical non-residents."

State Law Cited
According to state laws, Mrs. MacGregor told the supervisors, unemployed workers cannot receive relief unless they have been self-supporting residents in the State for three years and in

their county for the previous year. Failure to meet these requirements means privation, suffering for thousands of persons.

Pushed by the active support given the delegation by Supervisors John Anson Ford and Gordon L. McDonough, the Board agreed to ask the Legislature to liberalize present laws, make it possible for the so-called "technical non-residents," now inside California, to receive State aid.

Charges that thousands of school children are being forced to attend school under-nourished also brought promise from the Board of an immediate investigation by the County Department of Charities.

Quiz to Continue
Termed by Lore a "preliminary hearing," the opening session of the Assembly Committee was scheduled to last only three days, to be continued in Sacramento during January.

Other members in the body, in addition to the chairman, include Assemblymen John Peletier, Wilbur Gilbert, Augustus Hawkins, and James Cassidy.

Clayton E. Triggs, local relief director, hailed before the committee, denied charges that men are forced to enroll in work camps, airily explained to the Assembly committee the "theory" behind the SRA camp policy, painted rosy pictures of what the camps do for the men, finally admitted that they are not "ideal" but "are better than no relief at all."

Reason for the camp program, the relief director stated, is that "a better job of relief is done for the men. There are better possibilities for rehabilitation, and the men are physically and mentally better off."

In direct contradiction to Triggs' statements, was the testimony of J. L. Clifton, enrollee at the Pacoima work camp.

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Slums Burden Taxpayers

BLDG. TRADES HEADS CAUGHT SIGNING FINKS

Vandeleur Also Linked to Hiring Boss at Assembly Plant in Richmond

(Continued from Page 1)

stead of auto workers for the 1938 model!

The Ford Motor Co. has locked out the members of the UAW in Richmond by simply keeping the plant shut down, instead of reopening it for the '38 model. The next step involved the above-named AFL officials.

How They Work It
A worker (any worker) goes to Drury and asks him if there is a job in the Ford plant. Drury says yes, if you have a card of affiliation to the AFL, and emphatically NO if you belong to the UAW. The conversation goes something like this:

WORKER: "A friend of mine told me if I saw you, you might be able to get me a job in the Ford plant in Richmond."

DRURY: "Well, yes, but you will have to have an AFL card."

WORKER: "Well, I have. I belong to Local XYZ. Work is slack in my line and I need a job."

DRURY: "That's fine. What we insist on is AFL cards."

No Experience Needed
Drury then filled out a slip of paper, addressed to "Mr. Thomas M. Claudius, 340 East 14th St.," saying:

"Take this slip to Mr. Claudius at this address. Mr. Claudius is the business agent of the Auto Workers." (AFL—Ed.)

WORKER: "I've had no experience working in an automobile factory."

DRURY: "It doesn't make any difference, as long as you belong to the AFL."

The worker then goes to the address, a two-story flat, empty, and rings the bell. The door is opened by a rope-line from above. Claudius invites the worker into a room containing nothing but a table with a registration book on it, and two chairs, one with a small filing cabinet on it. The worker presents his slip.

CLAUDIUS: "All right, sign your name on the register."

WORKER: "I have no experience working in an automobile factory."

Write to McMurray
CLAUDIUS: "That doesn't make any difference. You know what tools look like, don't you?"

WORKER: "Yes."

CLAUDIUS: "Well, that's all that's necessary." He wrote a name on the back of the slip, "McMurray, Factory Service, Ford Motor Co., Richmond."

Ford-Style Union
CLAUDIUS: "Here's the stuff. You write to McMurray and apply for work. You will get six forty a day for the first couple of weeks. All you have to do is keep your mouth shut and play ball with us, and you'll get a lot more than six forty before it's through. Don't mention any union affiliation yet. When we go into a union, we're all going in together."

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ToryLawbreaker



JAMES H. RAND JR., president of Remington-Rand, Inc., and author of the notorious Mohawk Valley strikebreaking formula, who with Pearl L. Bergoff, scab-herding king, is being prosecuted for violation of the Byrnes act forbidding transportation of strikebreakers across state lines.

MARITIME ACT IN CONGRESS

Would Smash All Unions in Shipping Industry

WASHINGTON—Menacing the constitutional rights of all labor organizations, the U. S. Maritime Commission's proposed legislation to hamstring the maritime unions has been placed before the present session of congress.

The Maritime Labor Act proposal would place all unions involved in any way with waterborne transportation under the anti-strike Railway Labor Act, and in addition would establish a "training school" for the merchant marine seamen under the U. S. Coast Guard commandant and the Maritime Commission, which admittedly would destroy all seamen's unions.

Shipowners' Plan
Speaking before a Senate Committee last Wednesday, Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy of the Maritime Commission declared:

"The commission believes it would be desirable to have the maritime industry included with the railroads under the National Mediation Board."

Kennedy said his plan "would not prohibit use of labor's most important weapon—the strike."

Would Outlaw Strike
However, maritime union spokesmen, including Ralph Emerson, legislative representative of the National Maritime Union, branded the plan as virtually outlawing all strikes, and pointed to the fact that railroad workers have lower wages and longer hours than workers in such industries as steel, auto and rubber, due chiefly to the provisions of the Railway Labor Act.

The "training school" proposal, which was admitted by its author, Rear Admiral Wiley of the Maritime Commission, to be designed to destroy the maritime unions, is designed eventually to replace all present seamen from the "school," who would be under civil service despite the fact they would be working for private shipowners. Coast Guard discipline and disciplinary action would apply to all men in the "school."

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Low Cost Housing Financed By U. S. Seen As Remedy; Merriam's Veto Dooms California Housing Progress

By BETTY FURUSET

Slums are seven times more expensive than any other portion of the city.

Not only do slums blight the existence of thousands of youngsters, breed disease and malnutrition, but they are the most expensive business venture that modern city governments have as yet entered.

Surveys in several large American cities show the expenses in slum areas are SEVEN TIMES greater than the income which the districts bring in through taxes!

Cleveland, for instance, pays \$27.29 per person for public services in slum districts as against only \$4 per person in the rest of the city.

One reason why building construction has not kept abreast of the business recovery during the last few years is graphically shown in these figures. They are index figures for costs of building materials.

1932	71.4
1935	86.2
1937, Jan.	90
Feb.	91
March	96
August	97

High prices imposed by the monopolies have effectively choked off any boom in home construction.

These figures are near the average for the entire United States.

Thus if San Francisco were to clear her congested districts and spread the city out through good low-cost housing, taxpayers would save upwards of \$5,725,300 annually. Taxpayers would soon find slum clearance a profitable venture which would pay for itself in money saved.

Solutions of Problem
What is the way out of our present startling housing problem?

There are three alternatives:

(1) A housing construction boom under the management of private industry.

(2) Continuation of the Federal Housing Administration's financing scheme.

(3) Extensive government low cost housing.

The answer to the first solution is shown by the figures in the box above. In line with its consistent policy of sabotaging all progressive measures of the Roosevelt government, the powerful building materials trusts forced building material prices to the sky the minute the government started placing orders. As a consequence a potential building boom collapsed this year.

Declares financial expert John T. Flynn, writer for the News and The New Republic: "It does seem odd that prices could rise so high without a corresponding demand unless there was agreement among the manufacturers. If there was, that way lies doom to construction and recovery."

Federal Housing Act
The second solution is apparently the one favored by the Administration. It provides for an amplification of the present Federal Housing Act.

How does this act work?

To begin with, the person who wishes to benefit by FHA must be earning in the neighborhood of \$50 a week, for he must make a down payment of \$1000 before his house will be constructed.

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Vandeleur Carries Out His Splitting Role in Eureka

Non-Partisan League Advances in San Luis Obispo

JOBLESS POLL MET SABOTAGE IN SAN DIEGO

Postmaster and Mayor are Accused of Knifing Federal Census

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN DIEGO—A hectic two weeks of strenuous work marked the participation of the Workers Alliance in the jobless census here.

A futile attempt was made to get Mayor Percy Benbough and the postmaster to act in their official capacity as advertising the census.

How far their cooperation was obtained may be judged from the fact that Frank Smith, given authority by Benbough to put out census posters, was struck by Roy Ferguson, assistant manager of the Federal Employment Bureau, 2nd and G sts., and two government posters were torn up by Ferguson.

Sabotaged Poll
Arriving at the Bureau on Sunday morning to put up the posters, Smith put up two posters on the curtained windows where they would not obstruct vision.

Roy Ferguson happened to drive up to go into the office. He asked Smith what authority he had to post them. Smith told him Ferguson said he did not want the posters there, nor anywhere on the outside of the building.

Ferguson became enraged because Smith did not instantly take down the poster. Demanding that it be removed, he struck Smith a glancing blow and tore down the poster, stating that Smith was defacing government property.

Threatened Worker
Smith said: "But that is government property you are destroying."

Ferguson threatened arrest, and seeing that this did not frighten Smith, he changed the subject.

That evening, the Alliance telegraphed to Washington, D.C., and to San Francisco protesting this outrage.

When the Alliance was given the 1000 posters to put up, the Mayor's office told them that the city would reimburse them for expenses incurred. After the posters were put up all over the city and county, an \$8 bill was presented to the Mayor's office, where they were told that the city had decided against paying the expenses.

The Alliance asked Mayor Benbough for an OK of radio announcements publicizing Alliance headquarters, 625 E. St., and Registration headquarters. This he agreed to.

Postmaster Sabotaged
When the announcement was taken to stations KGB and KFSD, the station managers phoned up the Mayor's office for corroboration. The reply was: "Every consideration given the Workers Alliance will be appreciated by the Mayor."

They phoned Don Stewart, San Diego Postmaster, and read the announcement to him.

Stewart answered: "I'm in charge of the census here, and all publicity goes through my hands."

The Alliance was forced to send another telegram to Washington protesting this sabotage of Stewart's.

The Alliance received a copy of the answer wired to Stewart. It said: "Stop interfering with the publicity work of the Mayor's Census Board."

The Alliance then visited the postmaster and found the old politician gurgling with anger. He said that everyone knew of the census and that a radio announcement by the Alliance was "unnecessary."

The Workers Alliance in nearly every American city conducted a house to house publicity campaign. This was also done in San Diego.

The Alliance first asked Benbough and Stewart for permission to conduct this form of publicity, inasmuch as other cities had OK'd it. Mayor Benbough, as usual, was not interested in publicizing the census, which he termed as "just a publicity stunt."

The house to house campaign proceeded anyway.

Heroic Unionist Killed In Spain

By a Candy Maker
SAN FRANCISCO—A member of the Bakery & Confectionary Workers Union Local 14, has received a letter from Local 6, Philadelphia, Pa., informing him that Brother James Semenk, well known even as far as the West Coast for his faithfulness and militancy, was killed in action in Spain while fighting against the invading troops of Mussolini and Hitler.

Eureka AFL Council Split by Vandeleur

Delegates Overwhelmingly Against Split But Acted to Safeguard Charter; Ridiculed AFL "Czars"

By a Worker Correspondent
EUREKA, Humboldt County—At a recent meeting, the Eureka Federated Trades Council was entertained by a demonstration of "who splits the labor movement" when State AFL Secretary Vandeleur, Cameron, Carpenters' czar and goon squad forced the council to "disassociate" the CIO delegates from the Council.

The action was taken only after three hours of bitter debate when Vandeleur threatened to take over the council and appoint the officers. Rather than see the council fall into the hands of such rats as Tornwall of the Teamsters and Strong and Elliott of the Carpenters, the delegates reluctantly took the action by a 19-to-7 vote.

Condemned Splitting
The size of the majority was no indication of the sentiment. Delegate after delegate took the floor and scored Vandeleur and Cameron on their splitting tactics.

Not one delegate took the floor in favor of the move.
Thornwall, Strong, and Elliott were present in the council for the first time in weeks, but they did not have the courage to take the floor in the face of the overwhelming opposition to the action.

Just to Save Council
The delegates made it clear that the action did not mean that there would be any split in the local labor movement, but that they would take temporary action to save the council. Only three of the 12 CIO delegates were present at the meeting, and the support of the CIO came almost entirely from AFL delegates.

Vandeleur and Cameron were repeatedly laughed at. Cameron made such an assine spectacle of himself that the entire body roared with laughter, until he finally exploded with a "we don't laugh at you when you talk," which really brought down the house.

Red Baiting Ridiculed
The red baiting tactics of Vandeleur and Cameron received very little comfort from the delegates. Cameron remarked that there were probably Communists in this very room, and he looked the gathering over very intently, especially the ex-

Fight SRA Firing of Unionist

State, County & Municipal Employees Union Urges Protests to Sacto.

By a Worker Correspondent
SACRAMENTO—Miss Floretta White, Sacramento SRA Director, recently transferred from Los Angeles, began her drive to bust the new union of State, County & Municipal Workers of America on November 10, by dismissing Miss Rose Bavuso, a junior stenographer clerk.

The union grievance committee immediately met with Miss White and demanded reinstatement and an open hearing, which was refused.

Fake Grounds
The grounds for dismissal were "inefficiency," but Miss White did not give any other details. Forty-three staff members signed a petition requesting immediate reinstatement of the dismissed worker, and 19 members of the staff who worked with Miss Bavuso signed depositions attesting to her efficiency and cooperation.

The Sacramento CIO Industrial Council immediately sent a committee to the SRA office, and calls began to pour in condemning Miss White for her arrogant and arbitrary attitude toward the staff.

Miss White began to break and announced that she would give her final decision on November 19. Harold Pomeroy went into conference with Miss White on the morning of November 19, and soon thereafter Miss White announced she would not change her decision.

Anti-Labor Stooze
Harold (Merriam) Stooze, Pomeroy later stated he knew nothing of the dismissed worker. Pomeroy is State SRA Director and is well known for his threats made to members of the SRA staff in Sacramento that he would fire any one discussing social bills coming before the legislature, with any members of the Legislature, referring to a vicious relief bill which had the endorsement of the patronage politicians.

Urges Protests
"Her 11 months with us was satisfactory," states Mrs. Appleton, WPA Employment Division

By a Worker Correspondent
The second was the passing of a resolution requesting each local union to elect a delegate for a Public Relations Committee to act as a governing board over the new labor paper for Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties, the Northern California Labor News. This board will pay the labor editor and control the editorial policy.

Delegates Roared
This was too much for Cameron, who jumped to his feet and shouted: "Why that is a lousy paper, it even attacks ME," all the while pointing an indicative finger at the big fat "ME," at which point the delegates all applauded and lustily passed the resolution.

Time after time the delegates insisted that there was no dispute in Eureka, and Vandeleur wailingly insisted that there was a council in California which refused to take action, and he was being made a laughing stock by the council.

The "organizers" remarked that Crescent City was in quite a mess, which should be quite a surprise to that 100 per cent organized town. What the "organizers" probably meant was that Crescent City union men run links out of town before they can split the labor movement there.

Self-Organized
Today there are about 2500 union men in Eureka who have organized themselves and fought their own battles with absolutely no aid from the State Federation of Labor, and very little from any international except for an occasional organizer, who usually blew town when he was most needed.

They have done this by presenting a compact and closed front to the reactionaries. One of the strongest supporters of this organizing drive has been the Longshoremen. Delegates pointed out that whenever an AFL member was out of work, he was always given extra work by the longshoremen, and they were damned if they were going to fight them.

Doesn't Make Sense
The labor-splitters had no argument against the local CIO locals except that they are CIO

COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION CLUB IN OROVILLE LISTENS EAGERLY TO C. P. POLICY FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION

By a Worker Correspondent
OROVILLE, Butte County—At the Commonwealth Federation Club recently, a more progressive program was discussed.

Dr. Meigs was there and we had a discussion of what took place in the Commonwealth Federation convention held recently in Fresno.

Someone had sent him the Western Worker with the editorial pointing out the mistake that was made or was about to be made by nominating a candidate for governor without a united front of other progressive groups.

Gave C. P. Policy
He was not clear about the policies of the Communist Party on such matters, so I told the members of what course united action of all progressive forces and labor unions, etc., should take for a state conference to be held with a vote on just who the candidates should be and what would be the policy of the united people's front.

We had a good gathering, and when Communists speak, one can tell the difference in the action and discipline of the members; they certainly listen with eagerness and in many instances, support our program.

Protest Firing of Teacher
After the meeting I had a short talk with Dr. Meigs. He said in the course of conversation that we must find our common way together.

We voted to send a protest resolution to Eureka, where a school teacher (Victor Jewett) was discharged for being friendly to labor.
Personally, I don't like to boast about our little group's gains too much, but gaining—that is what counts—and our influence is growing deeper and deeper every day. All of this gives us more courage and stimulates the incentive to go on and on with our work of organizing for the defense of democracy and peace.

Threaten Impeachment
Supervisor R. E. Fields then threatened to impeach King unless the opinion was immediately forthcoming. He declared the opinion had been requested weeks before and King had ignored it.

Our influence here is spreading. Only a person as myself who mingles daily with these people can sense the change that is growing upon the masses here. What few dollars we have spent in literature for this city sure was spent well.
If only our comrades in other smaller towns would sacrifice more for literature and give it out more frequently; then they would come more to the front.

Hotel Union Officials Are Warned About Assessment
By a Hotel Worker
SAN FRANCISCO—Officers of Local 283 were warned by the Local Culinary Joint Board to stop charging their members recently initiated a \$15 hotel strike assessment, an affair in which the new members took no part in. Such a procedure is absolutely illegal and can only be branded a nefarious racketeering scheme by the officers of Local 283.

WORKER URGES PEOPLE UNITE IN OROVILLE

People's Front Needed to Keep Crisis Burden Off Backs of the People

By a Worker Correspondent
OROVILLE, Butte County—I would like to have something to say about this depression matter. I agree 100 per cent that this country is heading in the direction of a major depression. Many other people here can also see this depression coming.

In fact, the whole matter is too plain and can be seen by anyone who understands economics. Not just "Butte County economy" as taught up on the hill by our intellectuals on Bridge St. and Orange Ave., but economics based on the reality which appears on an international scale. As all must know who have studied economics our economy cannot be confined to the U. S. alone, but demands international economic dealings.

More Serious
The next crisis will have more effect upon the masses than previous ones. Many more millions of workers will be discharged in all industries; farmers will go bankrupt by the wholesale. This will cause a greater speed-up on the jobs, with no increase in pay to the rest of the workers left upon the job.

In time all of these changes in condition will have reflections all down the line among the masses. The professional, intellectuals, small business men and middle class people will help hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers support the burden of the crisis which monopoly capitalism is bringing upon the people in all sections of the country. Many new millions will be added to the relief seeking lists.

Must Be Alert to Fight Oppression

There isn't any use for us to try to dodge the critical issues with which we are confronted; there is no place in society where anyone can be of any good to the cause of progress and better conditions by playing "possum pacifist." We can't close our eyes to the future and let ourselves be caught asleep and unprepared to meet the coming problems which are vital to the masses of people, to our country, and to our class.

There is only one way out for the masses; the workers and farmers must build up their unions and their political party. The professionals, intellectuals, small businessmen and middle classes must be drawn in as allies for support. More wages, shorter hours and permanent jobs must come.

Can Defeat Fascism
In this way we can defend our country's democratic traditions from the menace of fascism and monopoly capitalism. By our united efforts we can gain our everyday needs and can hold back war.

Let every genuine Oroville patriot raise his or her voice about this matter and follow up in a practical way with a United Front with all peace-loving people who want to see prosperity, democracy and peace in our country.

By the united people's front we can form more correct policies which will meet the demands of the masses; must be supported and advanced by the masses as a whole in Oroville.

Read the "Western"
The people of Oroville must read the Western Worker; they must write into the "Western" about their problems. I am positive that by becoming a regular Western Worker reader people will get an understanding about what is actually taking place throughout the world which is of vital interest to all of the masses.

And if anyone should have some question to ask I am sure that the Western Worker staff could furnish the correct answer. And remember—the Daily People's World will soon be here!

Help to Build a PEOPLE'S Paper for a Better WORLD!

A GIFT PROBLEM? SEND THAT SUB

Seeking Victims of Air Raiders



A RESCUE SQUAD digs in the ruins of a school building in Barcelona, Spain, for survivors after an airplane bomb dropped by a fascist pilot had demolished the structure.

Shipyard Attacks Unionism

Oakland Co. Seeks Open Shop by Trickery With "Special Men"

By a Shipyard Worker
OAKLAND—The Moore Drydock and Shipyard Co. in Oakland has been practicing the following anti-union open shop stunt for years:

Whenever there are small jobs, the local workers who have seniority rights in the yards go to work, but whenever there are big jobs the company 'phones to a particular company in San Francisco and gets what the company terms "special men."

"Special-Special" Men
When these "special men" arrive at the yard gate, the hiring bosses take them on first; the hiring bosses get the best of these "special men" by giving them white hiring cards; the preferred men in the "special" bunch in turn give them to the "special-special" men who go to all hiring windows and get on the job without standing in the line formed by the local workers.

In many cases the "special men" replace local men who are laid off when this bunch arrives. Still there would have been more or less of a closed shop if these "special" men did not fall for the company anti-union propaganda.

Need 100% Closed Shop
The company has so far been able to divide the local and outside workers to the point where the men do not know whether they are going forward or backward in union-building.

These "special" men should get together with local workers and do something to stop all this reactionary trickery and make Moore's Shipyard a 100 per cent union closed shop.

Asks Salvage Goods Be Sent to Spain

By a Steel Worker
PITTSBURGH, Contra Costa County—I am enclosing a proposal I think of vital importance. Would like the paper's cooperation in introducing it to the many workers in organized circles.

The workers of the United States who have sovereign right to work and enjoy the full fruits of their labor and voice themselves in the economic realm of life, should use their every effort to remove the coolie from their midst.

Would Aid Spain
The coolie I refer to is the old self worn salvage materials which lurk in every nook and corner of our land.

It is this coolie that I refer to that we must remove to keep our standard of living up, for silently and surely it reduced our standard in economic life. The workers have to fight a battle to keep the corporate heads from reducing us to the level of a coolie. Therefore, it will serve a double purpose to ship this "salvage coolie" to serve a humanitarian purpose to the loyalists of Spain and the Chinese government.

Urges Action
It would be a commendable act for each worker in all organizations to contribute 50 cents each for the purchase of these materials.

United Air Lines Lays Off Pilots

By a Worker Correspondent
OAKLAND—There were 17 pilots laid off two months ago by United Air Lines. A week ago 19 pilots were called on the carpet for refusing to fly during foggy weather—four were fired.

There are 40 co-pilots to be laid off by United Air Lines as well as a number of mechanics.

Pan-American Airways expects to lay off a number of mechanics until the first of the year.

Nazis Given Free Rein In Petaluma

Local Bigwigs Sympathetic to Establishment of Fascist Group

By a Farmer
PETALUMA, Sonoma County—Emboldened by the lack of a broad people's progressive movement, as well as by the sympathetic attitude of the local bigwigs toward their "dedication" to exterminate Communism, the German-American Bund (Nazis) have begun to make an effort to establish themselves here.

Calling a meeting disguised as a concert, at Germania Hall, they rounded up all the sympathizers and potential stooges possible to hear Baron Manfred von Killinger (Nazi consul in San Francisco) and Herman Schwinn, expound how glorious it is in Nazi Germany since "Fuehrer" has suppressed the unions, co-ops, Masons, ex-service men's leagues, Socialists, Communists, etc. and has rewritten the Bible to suit himself.

"Misunderstood"
Strutting around in full regalia, "heing" and giving the Nazi salute, they also very considerably explained how Hitler and Mussolini were misunderstood and how badly they felt, especially the way the bad Communists in the United States were blaming them for the miserable living conditions in Germany and Italy.

Accordingly, one of the main purposes of the Bund is to exterminate Communism by attempting to break up public meetings, like Fritz Kuehn, the leader of the Petaluma Bund, did some time ago. He was kicked out of a hall for stealing the fuses out of the building in an attempt to prevent the people from seeing a film telling the truth about what is happening in Spain.

Terrorist Group
According to Schwinn, gentiles of German descent may join the Bund, which puts it on a par with the Ku Klux Klan, the Black Legion and other terrorist organizations.

Any fascist, according to this formula, can round up a group of sadists and degenerates, set up a local, and proceed to attempt to intimidate and terrorize local progressive and liberal people under the guise of "destroying Communism."

The Americanism Committee of the American Legion, as well as our 140 per cent patriotic vigilantes were conspicuous by their absence and so far haven't let out a peep about this real danger to Americanism and Democracy.

The people of Sonoma County will certainly welcome the establishment of a daily people's press having the guts and understanding to meet competently these reactionary efforts to destroy democracy.

Backbone of "People's World"

TAX SHORTAGE CASE VICTORY IS REGISTERED

Seven Organizations See Need for United Action by the People

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN LUIS OBISPO—The recent meeting of representatives of seven organizations and interested taxpayers of San Luis Obispo County, was a success. Two resolutions, a committee of three and secretary to continue the body's work on tax shortages of the county, were the highlights of the meeting which followed the report of Benedict Sobler, secretary of Labor's Non-Partisan League here, and opening statement of Mrs. L. C. Chase, chairman.

League Victory
The report of Mr. Sobler noted that the demand for facts had been realized in the open hearing, and that the League's feeling and desire had been granted by Judge Norton's statement, that because he "was a friend of the Leland family," he would not try the case of Frances Leland, indicted for the tax shortage.

The League did not claim sole credit for the opening up of the matter, but rather stated that because it was an organized body it had been able to express and press the feelings and ideas that were shared by thousands of taxpayers in the county.

One resolution called for a continuation of the present grand jury until its present work was completely finished, and for an investigation of other county officers.

Better Gov't Committees
The second resolution called for the formation of standing "Better Government Committees" in the organizations represented, these committees to meet together each month on a county scale to plan and report back on ways of improving county government.

This second resolution was a significant stride toward broad county unity for better government.

"Solid United Front"
One part read: "Whereas, The people in the county find themselves desiring to present a solid united front in dealing with this situation."

Both resolutions were unanimously passed. Representatives of Farm Groups, tax organizations, Epics and trade unions, were all deeply interested and took active part in the meeting. The need for further action was repeatedly expressed and entered into by all. A motion to support the committee of four was strongly supported by a standing vote.

ILD Wins Reversal in Nipomo Frame-up

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN LUIS OBISPO—Another victory went to Intl. Labor Defense tactics. "Pea grower, pea grower and deputy," read defense attorney Leo Gallagher as he analyzed the Nipomo jury that convicted Chris Mensalvas, CIO agricultural leader, and E. D. Bushnell after their arrest in the Nipomo pea strike last April.

The two defendants brought promise of legal aid and support to the strikers when they were arrested and convicted for telling the workers to "stand on their constitutional right." The charge was "disturbing the peace."

The final jury had contained deputies and deputized pea growers, Sheriff Haskins and the local constable had testified before this jury!

Decision Reversed
Judge Norton said he had read both sides and was satisfied that a fair trial had not been had in Nipomo. The Nipomo decision was reversed. District Attorney Van Wormer left before defense counsel had stopped talking; he had had enough and declined to argue his brief.

First representing the ILD was Grover Johnson, who placed the ball for them. Leo Gallagher defended them at Nipomo. Attorney J. Alan Frankel of Los Angeles ably continued the defense.

All felt it was a victory for mass pressure, unity, justice.

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A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

CIO creates unity in furniture industry—Hail L. A. victory against anti-picketing injunctions—San Diego AFL active in organizing boycott of Japanese goods—U. S. labor raises funds to aid Spanish democracy—Other labor news on regular news pages.

Charge Lundeberg Permits 'Dumpings' in SU Meetings

Termed Anti-CIO Tactics

Article Cites Beatings of Rank and Filers for Stating Opinions

SAN FRANCISCO — The charge that Harry Lundeberg, Sailors Union of the Pacific secretary, is permitting sailors to be beaten up on the union floor for expressing criticisms of the SUP leadership, as part of his fight against the CIO and national seamen's unity, was made in the leading article in the last issue of The Maritime Worker, organ of the Waterfront Section, Communist Party.

Headed "Free Speech in the SUP," the article stated:

Lundeberg Himself
"If you have a different opinion than the Lundeberg clique in the SUP, it means that you get dumped if you dare voice it."

"Lundeberg himself, several months ago, rushed down the aisle and attempted to knock a rank and file seaman down with his fists during a meeting for expressing his opinions. Seeing how the meeting reacted, he hastily apologized."

"Next came Dates (SUP patrolman) who dumped a seaman for criticizing his red-baiting tactics."

Kicked and Beaten
"Last meeting a brother who, when accused of calling Lundeberg phoney, went to the mike to deny it. He was brutally beaten while attempting to speak. This also happened during the meeting, but not only was the brother beaten on the floor but dragged out of the meeting and further kicked and beaten outside by three seamen."

"Force and violence is the last act put on by the phony before the curtain rings down on them. This is not a new trick among the seamen as Scharrenberg was a past master at it, and many seamen will remember the time Scharrenberg, not being able to control a meeting years ago, put in a riot call and after the cops beat up half the meeting, he expelled the entire group without a trial."

Rank and File Will Act
"The rank and file in the SUP will become aroused at such tactics and no amount of terror can keep them from expressing their opinion."

"The actions now going on in the SUP meetings are a disgrace to the entire Maritime Federation of the Pacific. Anytime a rank and file controlled union allows men to be beaten on the floor of the union for expressing their opinion, then something is wrong."

"Why does Lundeberg allow this terror to continue on in the meetings? Is this his only way of keeping control, or is he carrying on the policies of Paul Scharrenberg?"

Lundeberg Responsible
"The beatings in the SUP meetings must stop quick! The rank and file will not stand by and watch men beaten by these thugs. Lundeberg is personally responsible for this and must be held to blame if it continues on." Lundeberg is trying to block CIO affiliation in the current referendum, and is advocating "independent" status, which The Maritime Worker has branded as "the back door to the AFL."

CIO Plans Glass Industry Drive

COLUMBUS, O.—Organization of 126,000 potential members into the Federation of Flat Glass Workers, CIO, will be the goal of the newly-created Glass Workers Organizing Committee, announced Paul W. Fuller, provisional president of the union. The GWOC would not involve the craft unions in the industry, bottle blowers and window glass cutters, said Fuller.

Unions Sign Contracts With S. F. Dairy Lunch

SAN FRANCISCO—The closed shop and wage increases were won by 500 employees of the Foster's Dairy Lunch here, in contracts concluded last week. All contracts were signed except for the culinary unions, by the nine AFL unions on strike for four months. The culinary unions received a 40-hour week, and shorter hours were also won by the other unions.

UNITY FORGED IN FURNITURE FIELD BY CIO

AFL Upholsterers Join in Move for Organizing Industry 100%

WASHINGTON—Plans for a single international industrial union for furniture and allied workers, affiliated with the CIO, are rapidly going forward following the Furniture Unity Conference here late last month, which represented over 30,000 workers.

Local CIO industrial unions, independent unions, and the Upholsterers Furniture, Carpet, Linoleum & Awning Workers International Union, AFL, are uniting to provide the furniture industry with a single cohesive labor union and to organize 200,000 non-union workers.

Play Raids by Crafts
Pointing to only partial organization and low wages and long hours as the fruit of years of separation and disunity, Upholsterers Union leaders repeatedly denounced AFL craft unions for conducting raids on their members and for preventing their winning industrial union standing in the AFL.

The conference resolution stated the Upholsterers Union "shall retain its autonomy and shall be recognized as the international union having jurisdiction over the furniture and bedding industry."

Ratification Soon
It is expected the Upholsterers Union members will ratify the action soon in a referendum.

The CIO international will start functioning in 45 days, for those groups which have voted to affiliate with it by that time.

Woodworkers Seek End of Lockout

PORTLAND, Ore.—Meeting in their first constitutional convention in Woodmen's Halls here, 301 regular and 500 fraternal delegates of the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America last Monday elected a committee from the floor to meet with the AFL lumber convention in Eugene, Ore., on December 10, on ending the lockout in seven Portland mills.

The committee was also empowered to act toward ending the "jurisdictional boycott" levied by AFL officials against CIO-produced lumber, and to work out a program of unity, in order to present a solid front against the employers when new contracts are drawn next March 1.

AFL Members Spoke
Showing the strong sentiment for unity in the woodworking industry, a number of AFL members were among the fraternal delegates, and several of them took the floor to speak for unity. In his keynote report, President Harold Pritchett showed the growth of the union since it affiliated to the CIO four months ago, stating that the IWA now has 100,000 members and has issued 20 local charters and nine district council charters.

New Type Picket Ban Put Over in Huntington Park

HUNTINGTON PARK, Los Angeles County—Handed on a nice shiny silver platter to local employers, an innovation in anti-picketing ordinances was passed by the City Council.

Under the ordinance as adopted, unions striking against local business men will be allowed to use only resident members on picket lines.

Teamsters Union Hit
Obviously motivated by recent strikes in the auto agencies, the new ordinance will hit hardest at the Teamsters' Union which called the strikes among the auto salesmen, trade unionists declare. More than 250 persons packed the Council chambers to protest passage of the ordinance. Teamsters' Union officials spoke against it.

Vote on the motion was 4-1, with Councilman Joe Hollibaugh taking a lone stand against it.

A Charter Sub to the People's World Is Sure to Please.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column By JOHN BROMAN

RECENTLY the "Western" carried a story interviewing Ben Cheveraus, president, and Maurice Travis, financial secretary, of Steel Workers Lodge 1440, Pittsburg, on layoffs by the Columbia Steel Mills there.

Shortly thereafter General Superintendent Cohn of Columbia Steel cornered a member of the union and told him: "Look here, you better tell your union officials to quit giving that stuff to that Communist paper, and you'd better kick them out of your union."

Unintimidated, the steel worker replied: "Say, what are you doing reading a Communist paper? And if it weren't for the Communists, where would you Jews be?"

Mr. Cohn was stupefied. The steel workers in Contra Costa County are a militant bunch, and they know that the Communist Party has been in the front ranks combating anti-Semitism. The Party has a lot of prestige among them.

"Name to a Number"

COLUMBIA has changed the workers' names to numbers for the payroll the union reports. Formerly, the payroll was called off with number AND a name, but now the names have been eliminated.

Steel workers declare that the company may have "changed their names for numbers," as per the old time song about prison life, but that their union will see to it that any other prison stuff is taboo.

Layoff Threat

PITTSBURG workers are facing a serious situation in regard to layoffs. They are back to work, most of them, for several weeks before Christmas, but the plant officials told them that unless they received "substantial orders" before January 1 that the mills would close down entirely. It is rumored that Columbia has plenty of work for these mills, but is deliberately sabotaging by refusing to fulfill those orders now.

The union is cooperating with the Workers' Alliance to secure immediate relief for all of their members who get laid off, and are helping the unemployed not now organized to form an Alliance local in Pittsburg.

If the mills should close down, it would mean a loss of over 2000 jobs, and would not only affect the steel workers laid off, but also the small merchants of Pittsburg, and the entire economic life of the community. Fortunately, the steel workers have a militant CIO union to defend their interests.

"Please, Mr. Byington!"

A MR. BYINGTON, ex-supervisor and now a political appointee to some cushy job in the San Francisco city government, talked to the C. C. Thomas Labor Post of the American Legion, and delivered himself of this wise crack: "I don't see why the city should rent Civic Auditorium to un-American elements—they should be deported."

He was referring to the huge mass meeting of 12,000 for Tom Mooney. The speakers included Gov. Benson of Minnesota, a minister, Harry Bridges, Sheriff Murphy, another AFL speaker, and President Jack Shelley of the AFL Central Labor Council. Can't you see Sheriff Murphy saying: "Mr. Byington, how could you?"

Unionists to Debate Collegians on NLRB

LOS ANGELES — Collegians and trade unionists will debate the subject, "Resolved: That the National Labor Relations Board be empowered to enforce arbitration in all labor disputes," on Sunday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., at Grace Methodist Church, 200 North St. Louis St.

Roy Woolsey and Frances Burnstein, of the UCLA debating team will argue the affirmative against Hal Thorpe and Frances Collins, of the United Office & Professional Workers of America, Local 9.

The question will be debated again at the Richter Cafeteria, 325 West 3rd St., on January 1, 7:30 p.m., when the same college team meets up with Jerry Steep, Office Workers' Union, and C. H. Garrigues, Newspaper Guild.

HAIL VICTORY OF L. A. LABOR ON PICKETING

Communist Party Leader Calls for Fight Against Injunction Judges

LOS ANGELES—Labor's victory in the recent decision of Superior Judge Burnell upholding labor's right to picket and scoring injunctions against picketing, was hailed in a statement issued by Lou Baron, head of the Communist Party trade union commission here. Baron declared:

"The Communist Party regards the recent decision of Judge Charles S. Burnell as a real indication of how far labor can get when it puts up an energetic fight."

Protest Got Results
"The recent protest of the CIO Industrial Council against the vicious illegal decisions of Judge Emmet Wilson undoubtedly forced the Superior Court department to change its stand on matters of restraining injunctions."

"The victory of labor in Los Angeles must be followed up by a united campaign of both AFL and CIO unions against those injunctions issued and against their authors, Judges Wilson and Ruben Schmidt."

CIO STATE BODY OF 10,000 MEMBERS IS ORGANIZED IN UTAH

Smelter Union and United Mine Workers Lead in Industrial Council

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Representing more than 10,000 members, union delegates organized the Utah Industrial Union Council at a recent convention here, and adopted a program for a permanent organization.

The Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, largest union in the state, sent representatives from 18 locals with 5500 members, and the United Mine Workers sent delegates from 20 locals with nearly 3000 membership. Miscellaneous unions included locals in the oil, steel and iron, brick and tile, ice and refrigeration, brewery and sheep shearing industries.

James Morgan, CIO regional director, was chosen acting president and E. M. Royle, MM&SW secretary, as acting secretary-treasurer, pending another convention next April to elect permanent officers.

SATURDAY EVENING POST

BERLIN—"An article by John Gunther, 'This Peace Is a Cheat,' in which the foreign policies of Germany, Italy and Japan are discussed, caused the banning in Germany of the Nov. 27 issue of the Saturday Evening Post."

TO EVERY UNION MAN

(From the San Diego Warehousemen's News, ILWU 1-38)

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belong"?
Do you ever go to visit
A member that is sick,
Or leave the work for just a few
And talk about "the clique"?

There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate if you, too,
Will come and help us out.
So come to the meetings often,
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.
Think this over, Brother,
You know right from wrong:
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

Canada's Labor Dean Installs ILGWU Board



GUSTAVE FRANCO, oldest labor leader in Quebec, swearing in the first executive board of Local 262, French-Canadian Dressmakers' Union of Montreal.

U. S. Labor Reports on Aid to Spain

Trade Union Committee in S. F. Urges Support for Funds Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO—Trade Union Relief for Spain, a national campaign among trade unions, has collected \$138,288.74 at a total cost of \$825.55, of which \$98,000 has been sent abroad to erect a 1200-bed hospital at Onteniente, according to the report made by Charles S. Zimmerman, National Committee chairman, to the State Department. A cash balance of \$39,402.52 is on hand.

Zimmerman requested the State Department assist in "rectifying the impression" created by the department's report to newspapers, with reference to Spanish relief activities.

This year a goal of \$250,000 has been set nationally to establish and maintain hospitals for the wounded and homes for orphaned Spanish children, as assistance to the Spanish people's fight against invading fascism.

Urge Bay Area Support

The San Francisco Committee of Trade Union Relief for Spain, sponsored by the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union Joint Board, is appealing to all Bay Area unions to support this cause by contributing from their treasuries and by selling special stamps in 25c and 50c denominations to members and friends.

Unions that have contributed include Alaska Fishermen's Union; Cap Makers Local 9; Cooks, Pastry Cooks & Assistants; Local 44; East Bay Union of Machinists, Local 1304; Machinists 68; Steel Workers Organizing Committee Local 1069; Waiters & Dairy Lunch Workers Union, Local 30; Ship Scalers, and Deep Sea & Purse Seine Fishermen's Union.

Portland Aids Drive for Daily "People's World"

PORTLAND—We had a party for the Daily "Western" drive here in South East Portland. An able speaker outlined the need of a "Western Daily," a fine lunch was served, and we took in \$7.50 for the drive.

Business Agent Bob Says

A CELEBRATED racoon hunter in the South named his three 'coon hounds' Farmer, Merchant, Banker. On his return from a night's hunting, he was asked by a neighbor: "Well, Jasper, what luck?" "The usual thing," replied Jasper. "Farmer caught a 'coon. Merchant took it away from him and Banker ate it."

Plant Boss Is Accused By Pickets

Ran Down Striker in Front of Mushroom Company in Redwood City

REDWOOD CITY, San Mateo County—Stewart Savery, manager and part owner of the Golden State Mushroom Co., last Tuesday was charged with reckless driving with intent to do bodily harm, on a warrant sworn out by members of the CIO Mushroom Workers Union. He was released on \$100 bail.

Speeding out of his plant last Monday in his car, doors and windows locked, with three crates of mushrooms, Savery attempted to crash through the mass picket lines and injured one picket, Evaristo Macios, who suffered back and leg injuries.

Endangered Girl's Life

Then, after failing to get through the lines, Savery furiously backed his car with 18 year old, 80 pound Jenny Ontiveros, striker, clinging precariously to a frail windshield wiper, swung his car around and drove at a tremendous speed, estimated as high as 90 miles per hour, over a rough dirt road with the young girl in imminent danger of being thrown to the ground and possibly killed.

This girl has been employed at the plant for over two years. Savery ended his wild ride at the sheriff's office in Redwood City County Jail, where he sought "protection" of the sheriff from the 80 pound Jenny and indignant pickets who had followed in several cars.

Sole Provider

Miss Ontiveros, who was born in Kansas City, Mo., is the sole provider for her widowed mother and three young sisters and brothers. Her father died from lung trouble caused by industrial hazards at the local magnesia plant.

After the sheriff's office released Savery without filing any charges against him, he was arrested on complaint of the union committee.

Savery's attempt to run the picket line was made notwithstanding that he had promised he would not ship out any mushrooms during negotiations with the union.

Union Demands
Forty workers, members of a local of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, struck the previous Saturday after Savery refused to meet their demands for wage increases, hour pay adjustments and reinstatement of workers fired for union activity.

Women, who have been receiving 30 cents per hour, are asking 40 cents. Many have been paid 35 to 40 cents and are asking 50 cents. Other demands are a 48-hour week, and correction of unsanitary and unsafe working conditions.

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Rank-File Teamsters Get Voice

Printed Newspaper Issued by Members of Union in Central Calif.

OAKLAND — Rank and file members of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, from Central California locals, have started publication of a weekly printed newspaper "The Teamster Advance," 1025 1/2 16th St., Oakland. "It is the voice of the working truck-driver, any teamster, any member of the Teamsters Union has the right to space in our columns," states the first issue. "The sole purpose of this paper is to give the teamster a voice, a means of expression such as he has never before enjoyed. In short this is a rank and file paper. It is written, paid for, and distributed by members of the Teamsters Union."

"Our program is one of unity with other unions, of democracy within the Teamsters Union and better working conditions than we now have."

AFL Membership Gave 'Em Nothing

SAN DIEGO—Business Agent Paul Witte, of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Local 1-38, reports that numerous warehousemen at the Benson & Western plant are expressing disgust with membership in the AFL and want to return to the CIO. Employees at this plant voted some time ago to go into the dual warehousemen's union set up in San Diego by Teamster officials.

NEW CIO UNION

CRESCENT CITY, Del Norte County—The Laundry Workers here recently had their CIO charter installed by CIO Industrial Council President Wm. Gettings. Alice Christensen was elected president of the union.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

B. J. "BANANA-NOSE" O'SULLIVAN, San Pedro agent of the Marine Firemen's Union, is willing to go to any lengths of underhanded stuff in an attempt to get the ousted clique of meeting packers back in the MFOU.

Not daring to start with J. E. Ferguson, who was the ring leader of the group that issued union books to phoneys and instructed them how to vote in meeting, O'Sullivan has picked out one of O'Sullivan's stooges—one Francis Mulderig.

Mulderig was ousted from the union for all time by an overwhelming vote of some 700 members, on the same charges as Ferguson, but at a little meeting of the Pedro branch, with only a handful in attendance, O'Sullivan had Mulderig "reinstated."

The MFOU constitution brands this as unconstitutional, but "Banana-nose" apparently thinks he can write his own ticket. Recently he put Mulderig, a non-member, in the chair for a meeting.

Tries to Block CIO

O'SULLIVAN is also doing his dirtiest to try to block a second ballot of the Firemen on CIO affiliation, from being counted. The Pedro branch, and the other branches, refused to elect representatives to a committee to count the ballots.

However, the ballot will not be sabotaged a second time, as

SAN DIEGO AFL SPURS BOYCOTT AGAINST JAPAN

Council Committee Pushes Economic Action to Check Aggressor

SAN DIEGO—The AFL Central Labor Council, through its newspaper, The San Diego Labor Leader, is conducting a vigorous campaign in support of the boycott of Japanese goods.

Although the American Federation of Labor has nationally declared itself for the Japanese boycott, the San Diego council is the only large California branch of the AFL which has as yet taken decisive steps towards organizing the boycott.

Enforcing Boycott

In a front-page editorial the "Leader" declares: "A program of non-violence against these sadistic Japanese butchers by all American citizens who have even the slightest regard for preserving world peace, appears to be the only sensible solution."

"The mandate laid down by the American Federation of Labor should be observed in San Diego without further delay. Upon the more than 10,000 local members of organized labor, their relatives, friends, and neighbors, lies the burden of enforcing this economic embargo."

Popularize Drive

The council has set up a committee to handle the boycott and is actively popularizing the economic drive against the Japanese imperialists.

The editorial further states: "Any expenditure of American money for Japanese goods or services definitely puts the American people on the side of the militaristic butchers of Tokyo."

"To stiffen the morale of the Chinese people can best be accomplished by refusing to buy Japanese products" so said Madam Chiang Kai Shek to the American people a short time ago.

Murder by Proxy

"Soon the decent people of San Diego will be asking their neighbors, 'Did you buy any bullets or bombs for the Japanese murderers today?' Are you going to be one of the San Diegans who murder innocent men, women and children in China by proxy?"

AFL "Czars" Jerk Another Charter

OAKLAND—AFL officials, led by Rowland Watson, and accompanied by two carloads of police and a "goon" squad, last week descended upon a meeting of Alameda County Hospital Workers, Local 6, AFL. When Watson and his police escorts had departed, the local's charter had been jerked and a new set of hand-picked officers installed.

GIVE CHARTER SUBS THIS XMAS!